



A SIGHT FOR BORED EYES

I've been a MAD reader for about two years now and I just noticed the "What the Heck is the Difference?" section and thought to myself no one has commented on it yet, so I am here to say thanks for adding that extra hour of purposeless searching to my day!

Andrew Barsky, Palm Harbor, FL

Belly Up To The Barsky — We started "What the Heck is the Difference" way back in MAD #479 and you "just" noticed it?!? We appreciate the compliment, but we're going to go out on a limb and say maybe "observation" isn't your strong suit! —Ed.

A SWITCH IN TIME

While I was reading issue #483 two months ago during an indoor recess my student volunteer named Chris Connor took it and started reading it. He gave it to me at the end of recess and I asked him why did you take it? He didn't say anything and just walked away. The next month I brought in issue #484 and this time not only did he take it, he took it during math class. I mean how bad does he want to read MAD? I just got issue #485, should I bring it or not?

Eric Ruskoff, Ontario, Canada

Rusky Business — We have the perfect solution! Next time, just bring in the front cover of the new issue — but first, stick a copy of *Playboy* inside of it. Then after Chris makes his move, report him to the principal! Sure it won't win you any friends, but you won't be losing any more MADs! Just remember, any problem you ever have in life can be easily solved with pornography! —Ed.

FROWN FOR THE COUNT

I just read the January 2008 issue and was pleased as always. As I was reading the MAD 20 Dumbest People, Events, and Things of 2007, I noticed there should have been 22! You forgot to mention all the idiots who write MAD magazine and the ones who subscribe, like me!

Donald Goodlin, Sacramento, CA

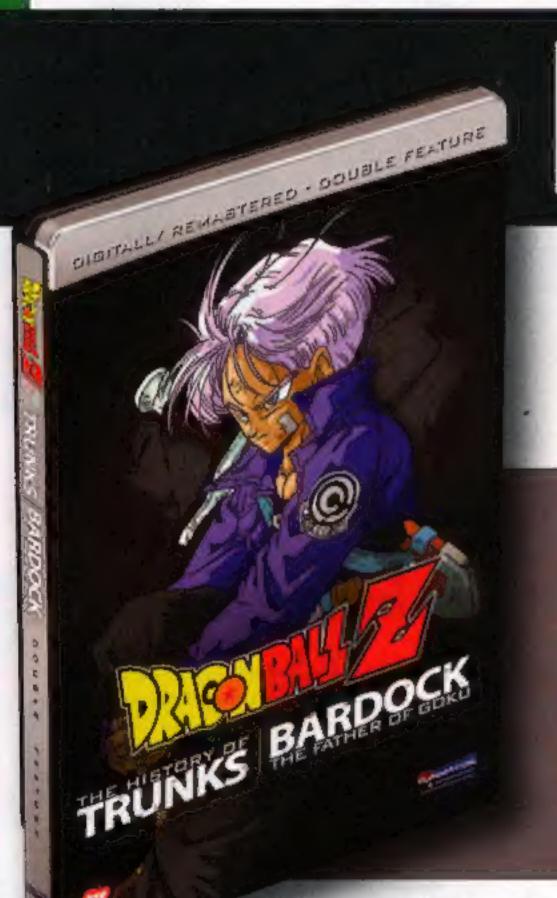
Don Baby Don — We're going to tell you something we're sure people have been telling you your entire life — you don't count! Thanks for writing and Happy New Year! —Ed.

WHAT THE DUCK?

I have a quick question. After being a reader of MAD Magazine for many years, I need to know what exactly is a Duck Edwing?

Stephen Curtis, Chapin, SC

Don't Stop Be-Stephen — There are two answers to your question. The first is that Duck Edwing is a famous Chinese entrée in which you mix duck with snow peas, bok choy, holson sauce and Hamburger Helper. The other, less popular answer is that it is long-time MAD artist and writer Don "Duck" Edwing. Regardless, both cause severe nausea! —Ed.



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 JAPANESE AUDIO IN STUNNING 5.1
 SURROUND SOUND















I just thought that everyone at MAD would like to see my masterpiece. A six-foot-tall Alfred E. Neuman dancing robot made completely of free post office boxes and look what it's holding! Please print this in your magazine because after I managed to snap this picture, my brother tackled it, causing all the crappy boxes to crush. Now I have no more cool Alfred E. Neuman dancing robot and the only thing that would make me feel better would be to see it immortalized forever in your magazine.

Erik Schefler, East Meadow, NY

Top Schefler — That's the trouble with dancing robots — they're just no damn good in a fight! Now, if your brother had challenged him to a game of Dance Dance Revolution, the robot would have been victorious and you two could be slow dancing right now (don't pretend you built him for any reason other than that)! Instead, you're left picking up the corrugated corpse of your fallen comrade. Let this be a lesson to you and all other would-be inventors — unless you're making a killing robot, it's just not worth your time! —Ed.



A PAIN IN THE CLASS

I love your magazine and I own a bunch of your issues. I guess you could say I have issues! But in high school, my issues of MAD are being shunned by my English teacher! Every Wednesday, we read an editorial article from the newspaper and write about it. Afterwards, we have to read the rest of the paper until the bell rings. Lately I have been bringing my good ol' MAD magazines and reading them instead, which my English teacher hates. What for? The Fundalini Pages are informational. So I made an agreement with my teacher: if I get this letter in MAD, then I can read MAD every Wednesday for the rest of the year! Please get me in there for, well, me!

Bo Lotti, Belmont, CA

Bo Better Blues — When we got your letter, our first impulse was to hold it and print it in our July issue — that way no one would win! Then we thought better of it, and said what the fudge — why not make Bo's high school hell a little easier? Don't brag about this too much — your teacher still has the power to flunk you! —Ed.



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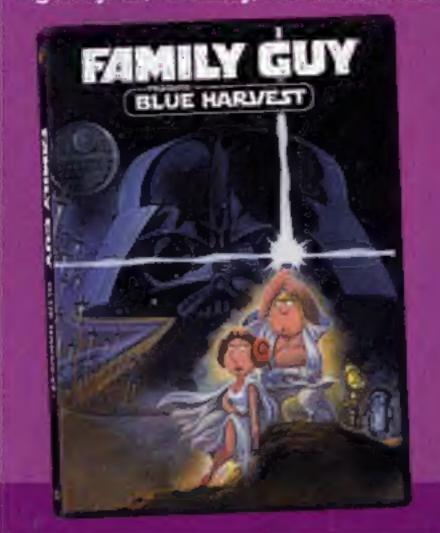
I'm getting on a bit in years now (I've just turned 14). It's time for me to settle down, and find myself a man. But would you believe it, there are practically no classified sections in British newspapers for teenagers! Then, a brilliant idea came to me: MAD should start its own dating service! You guys always seem to be matchmaking for people who can't go up to their crush, in person, and just friggin' ask them out already. You can now matchmake total strangers. Mull the idea over a while, and e-mail me!

Laura Gilbert, London, England

Natural Born Gilbert — If your search for Prince Charming starts by looking to MAD readers, you're in for a lot of disappointment. MAD readers tend to be pasty, awkward and gawky — and if that's your type, it's hard to believe that you're having a hard time finding that in joily of England! —Ed.

READER ALERT

Those lucky enough to have their missives printed on this month's Letters Page will receive Family Guy: Blue Harvest on DVD courtesy of our friends at Fox Home Video. For those not lucky enough, you don't have to go to a galaxy far, far away, it's on sale now!





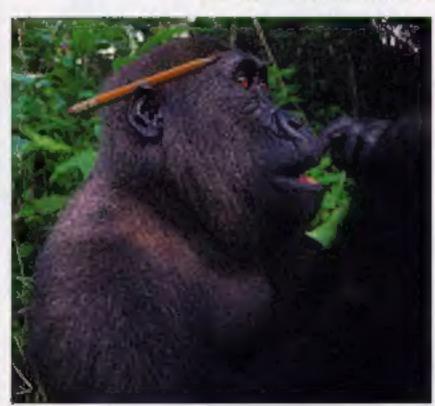
E. ROBOT

Not to be outdone by Erik Schefler, Tommy Thelen of Sioux City, IA sent in his own dancing Alfred robot. We were absolutely amazed that in one month we received TWO dancing Alfred robot depictions! Will this be the hot new fad of 2008? The trendsetters and tastemakers all agree — no, it won't! However, we invite all readers to send in their own rendition of the dancing Alfred robot — we'll print the best ones in an upcoming issue! Send it via e-mail (letters@madmagazine.com)

or via snail mail to: Amy "The Big Robot" c/o MAD Magazine, 1700 Broadway, New York, NY 10019.



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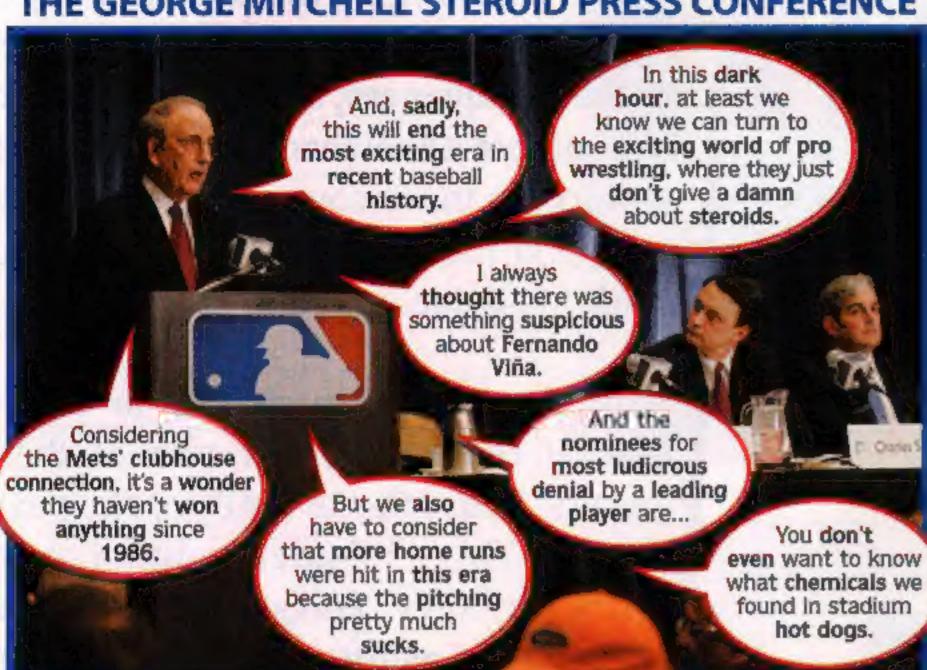
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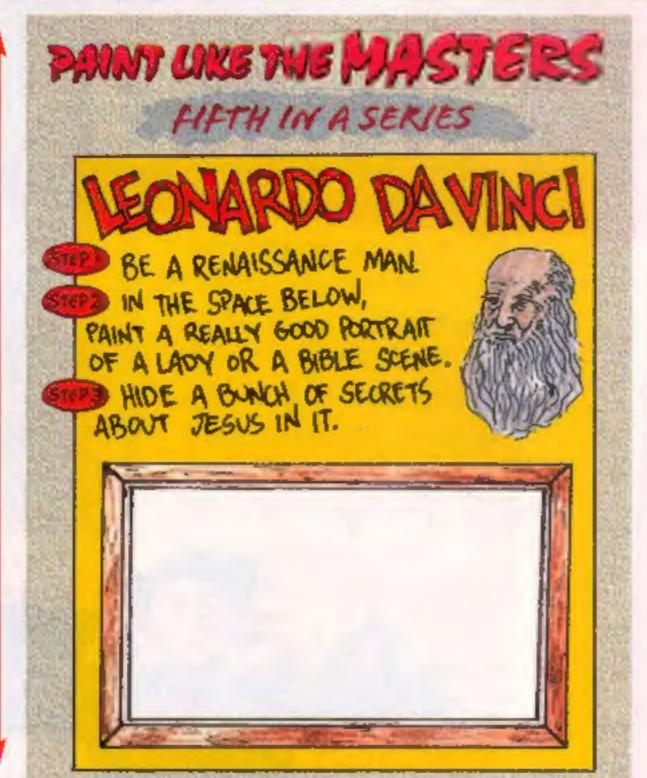
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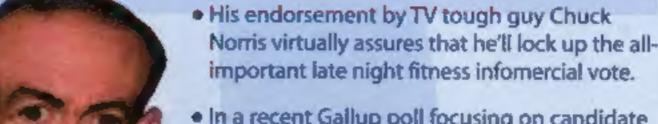
It might be refreshing to have a real conversation with a real woman. With all the email, chatrooms and IMs, I could really appreciate a one-on-one conversation. Yep, Joe, today is the day you start fresh and give human interaction a try Now say something before you blow it...







MEET THE '08 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES THIS MONTH: HUCKABEE



- In a recent Gallup poll focusing on candidate name recognition, 47% of probable voters think Mike Huckabee is a key member of Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s pit crew.
- · Becomes evasive when asked if his ban on gay marriages includes fellow Republican and creepy water closet queen, Senator Larry Craig.



- As a Baptist minister, he has raised most of his campaign cash the old fashioned way...skimming the Sunday collections.
- Practiced a hands-on approach to addressing the unemployment issue by hiring a team of speechwriters who haven't worked since Hee Haw went off the air.

REJECTED CATCHPHRASES FROM RAMBO



LESSER-KNOWN STRIKES IN THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY...

WHO

The United Brotherhood of **Adult Movie Dialogue Coaches**

WHAT THEY DEMAND A percentage of condom and lubricant sales



HOW IT WILL AFFECT THE PUBLIC

have to concentrate more on the sex scenes.



It won't.

HOW IT WILL Without coherent dialogue, porn cinephiles will AFFECT THE PUBLIC

WHO The Street Mimes Guild

WHAT THEY DEMAND An end to the

Money. Any money at all. Minimum wage. Bartering, even. constant mockery



AFFECT THE PUBLIC Would-be viewers will have to shoot their own unpaid, poorly-produced programming, which, since that's what public access is, technically makes them scabs.

WHO

The Public Access Hosts Union

WHAT THEY DEMAND

WHO The Gaffers Union

WHAT THEY DEMAND A more descriptive title, so everyone will stop asking what, exactly, they do.



HOW IT WILL AFFECT THE PUBLIC Umm...they'll have to accept

less gaffing, we guess.

THEFUNDALINIPAGES

SHOCKING REVELATIONS **GEORGE MITCHELL LEFT OUT OF HIS** REPORT ON STEROIDS IN BASEBALL



While David Wells never tested positive for steroids, he frequently had abnormally high levels of glazed ham in his system.

That flurry of taps and kisses Sammy Sosa would flash after every home run was actually his method of placing steroid orders with his dealer.

It may be nothing, but the San Diego Chicken started his career as the San Diego Cornish Game Hen.

The reason for Roger Clemens' corpulent appearance in recent years is that he would frequently eat key witnesses in the steroid case against him.



Don't be fooled by those midges that swarmed all over Yankee players during their playoff series with Cleveland this year — their bites were actually a clever and sophisticated method of steroid injection.

> Mitchell actually recommends that people take drugs if they're planning to slog through Ken Burns' 18-hour Baseball documentary.



Oddly, Mr. Met's giant head is not due to excessive use of Human Growth Hormone. Go figure!

Remember that Cubs fan who interfered with a foul ball and cost his team a shot at the World Series? Even he was on steroids.

The Mets' historic collapse at the end of last season had nothing to do with steroids — the players just lost focus once Gossip Girl debuted on The CW.

Mark McGwire's 'nads shrank so much, they were

invisible to the naked eye.

Pete Rose tried to bet Senator Mitchell on who would be named in the report.



FUN-SOUNDING INTERROGATING METHODS THE CIA IS CONSIDERING TO REPLACE WATERBOARDING

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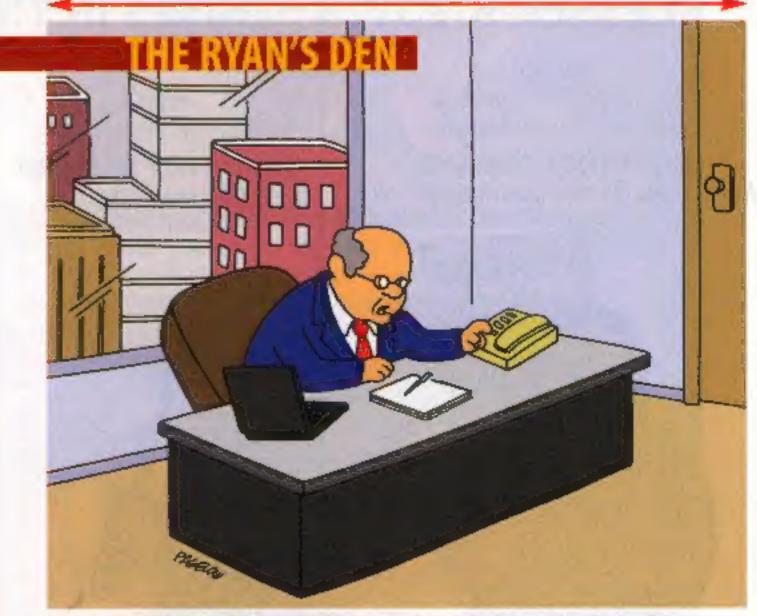
Liar, Liar, Vital Organs on Fire

Rock, Testicles, Scissors



MONKEYS ARE ALWAYS FUNNY





"Ms. Jacobs, could you come in here a minute? I need to blame my fart on someone."



FLY, DRIVE AND SHOOT GO WEAPONS AND VEHICLES IN AN OPEN WORLD





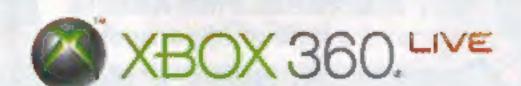






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WOULDN'T IT BE FANTASTIC TO HAVE SUPERPOWERS? WOULDN'T YOU LOVE TO READ MINDS, OR SOAR THROUGH THE SKIES, OR TRAVEL THROUGH TIME? WOULDN'T YOU BE THE HAPPIEST PERSON EVER? OF COURSE! ANYONE WOULD! ANYONE, THAT IS, EXCEPT FOR THE DEPRESSIVE, TORTURED MOPES ON NBC'S HIT SHOW! ALL THEY DO IS BROOD AND GRIPE AND WORRY. WHAT AN UNGRATEFUL BUNCH OF...

ZERCES

Destiny divides itself into two paths. For some, fate dictates that they take action. And yet others are chosen to go on and on and on, blabbing and blabbing, always trying to sound deep and philosophical while actually accomplishing nothing of substance and boring the pants off everyone around them. Guess which side of the coin landed "heads" for me?

I am Longwindy Smersh, and while continuing my father's research, I traveled to India to learn his secrets and acquire his database. Yes, even superheroes have been outsourced! My father spent his life tracking a bunch of confused, abnormal mutants and corraling them all into one master computer file. It was the original MySpace!

No one knows where these abilities come from. Some believe that they are a gift from God. Others think they're the cutting edge of evolution, For me, I think it's just a reaction to bad clams.

Neato Geekarama's power is incredible. He can take a single second of time and make it seem like 12 hours. It's a rare gift, shared only by the contestants on Last Comic Standing!

Nabob Porkbelly is an ambitious sleazo who dumped his family. Then, he tried to exploit a ghastly attack in downtown Manhattan to reinvent his career and consolidate his political power. An unimaginably amoral scenariol But give him a ratty combover and an ambitious third wife, and he could be Presidential timber!

Nabob's brother, Putter, isn't nearly as ruthless, but he's tough. He's plunged off a roof and died, gotten a fatal chunk of glass impaled in his skull, and was at the epicenter of a nuclear explosion. And all he got was a nasty headache. But when no one's bothering him, he mopes and sulks like a sensitive little bitch. That's what passes for character nuance around here!

WRITER: DESMOND DEVELO

Sicki and her husband B.S. had a mixed marriage. He walks through walls, and she talks to them! Periodically, Sicki lapses into a dual personality who shoots, stabs, strangles or destroys everything in her path. Kind of like Britney Spears.



Fatt Porkman is a mind-reader, but a lousy cop. The only part of police work that he's mastered are the donut runs! But he's overcome his many limitations! Perhaps his greatest achievement was making his cheating pregnant wife from Season One vanish without a trace in Season Two.

Hey, not every subplot is a winner!

I'm always able to tell what someone is thinking. Except for the time I tried to get inside Paula Abdul's brain. I kept getting a "404 Error" message! This is Stare Bennet, who has the power of spontaneous regeneration.

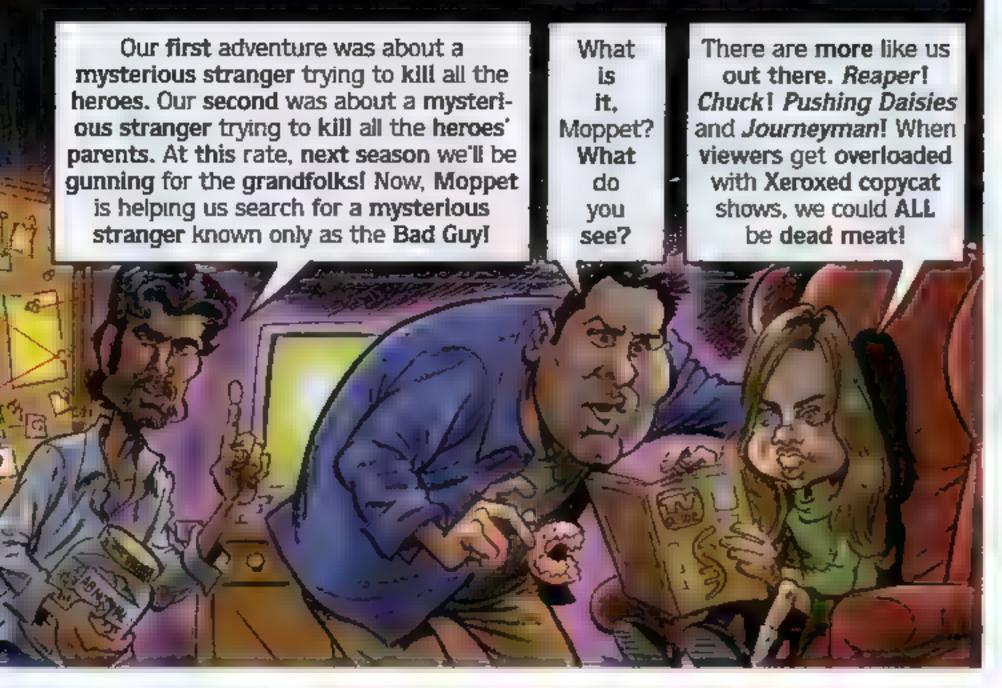
Simply put, she can recover from any injury. So they can kick the everloving crap out of her, wait for her to heal, and then kick her ass some more. On the plus side, she's a conservative's dream girl. She can lose her virginity over and over again!

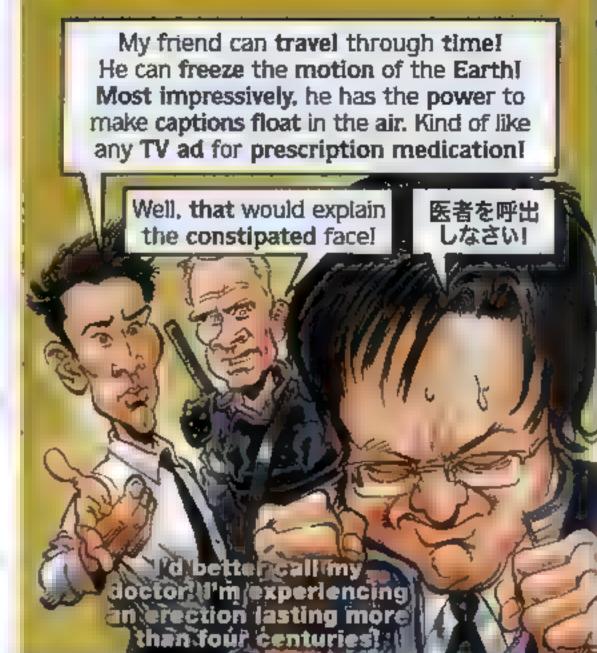
I deliberately hid my daughter's true past from her, fried my family's nervous systems to cover my tracks, and bailed on my original plan to turn her over to The Company for medical experimentation. I guess I should probably give this back!

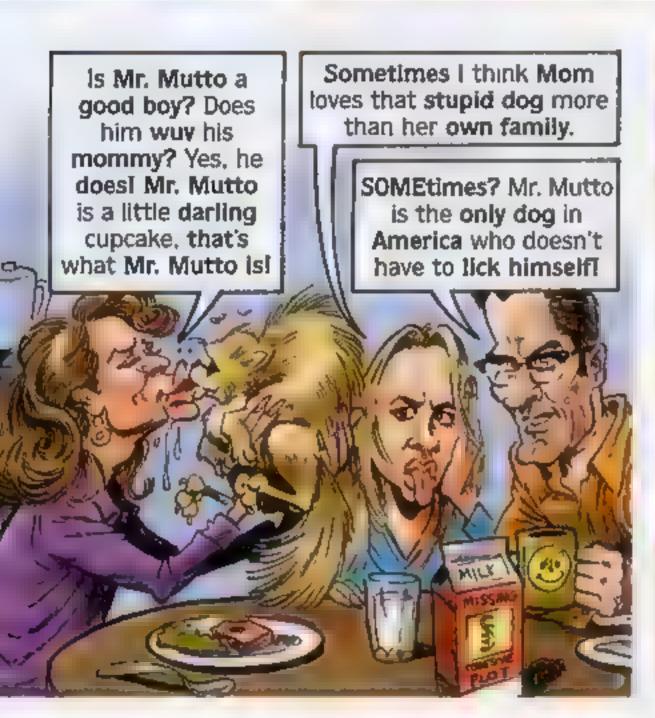
pro wrestler, but not quite as emotionally rich! Now that we're working together, you've told me all the sneaky ways that The Company trails its own employees. No one can escape their sights. But the four of us will protect little Moppet here. Hmmm, I just had a thought. D'you think maybe I should rethink keeping The Company's #1 kidnapping target as a guest right here in my apartment? Or at the very least, get a second lock for the door?

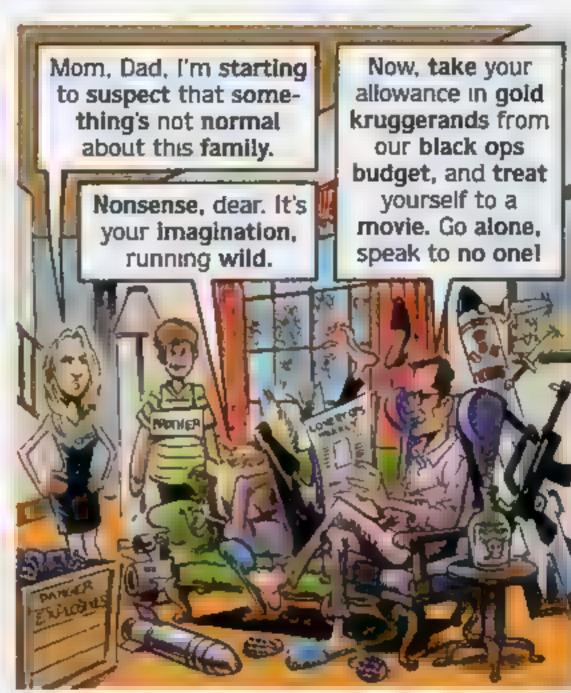
You're not the only
one who's a strategic
wizard. Knowing that
The Company would search
the four corners of the
world to find me, I hid
from them. At my house
in Haitl, Shrewd, huh?

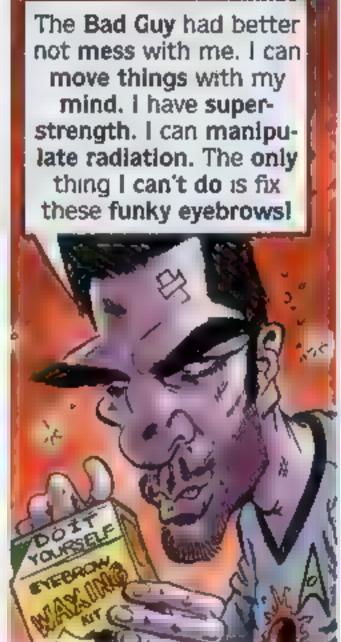
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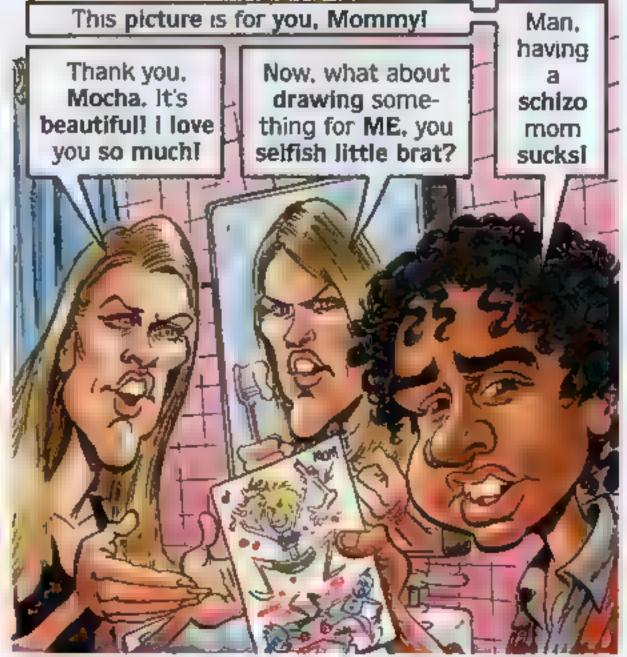


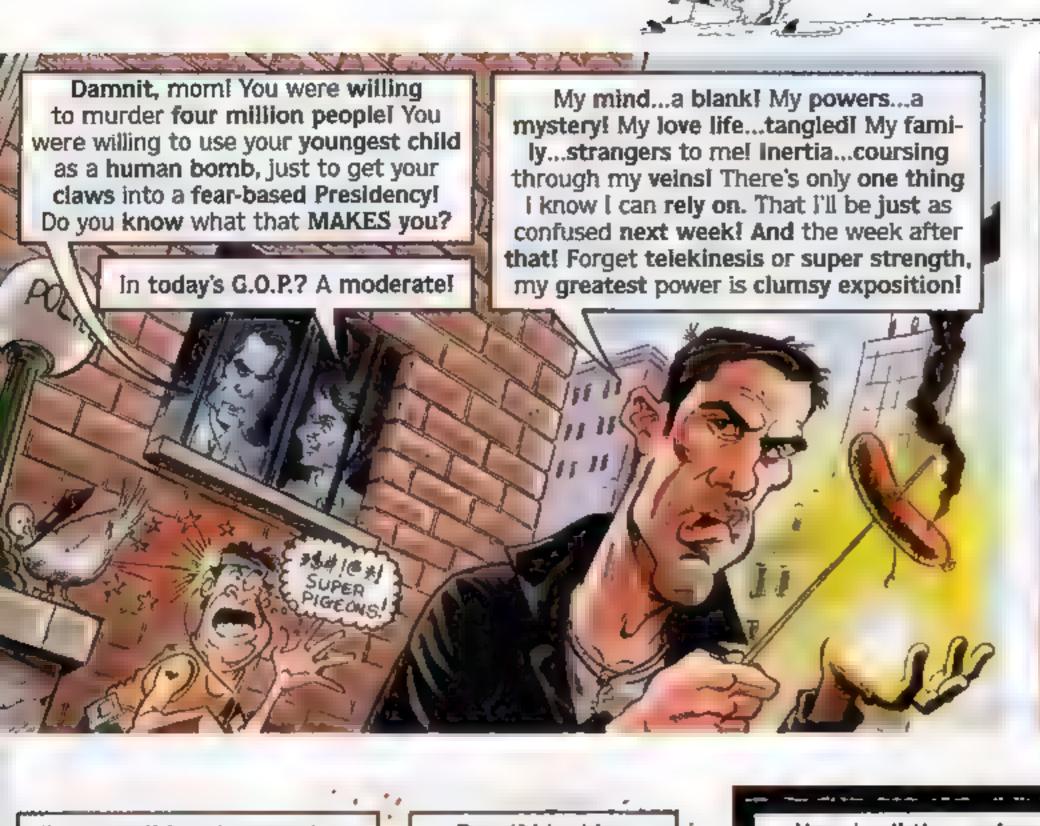












Shut your mouth and listen, you sassy broad. Are you gonna talk, or do I have to MAKE you talk? What? What's that? The Bad Guy? He's after me? Oh, no! You've got to help me find him! Save me!

He's the only
one on the force
who can do the
"good cop/
bad cop"
routine entirely
by himself!

That's great. Now,

how about you

BUY A FRIGGIN'



I'm so sadi i can't controi my feelings! Everyone's out to get me! Black goo is running down my face! Angst, angst! If I had horn-rim glasses and kept a Live Journal diary in lowercase, I could front an emo band! Boy, if I had her power, I wouldn't be unhappy. I'd be over-joyed! Then again, I also laughed my ass off all the way through Mystic River!



Here is all the equipment we need to track the genetic subjects. A detailed map of the world with everyone's location, a portable hard drive containing reams of biological research, a full medical lab containing a DNA extraction device and centrifugal blood separator, and a linked series of laptops and computer terminals to store all the data!



Where do you people keep the Hollandaise sauce around here? And is there any tarragon? I'm not a barbarian!

You sliced a
little girl's head
open like a
cantaloupel Bloody
flend! Monster!

Hey, I'm still gentler than the plastic surgeon who did Tara Reid's boobs. Have you SEEN that guy's work? Ugh! What a butcher!



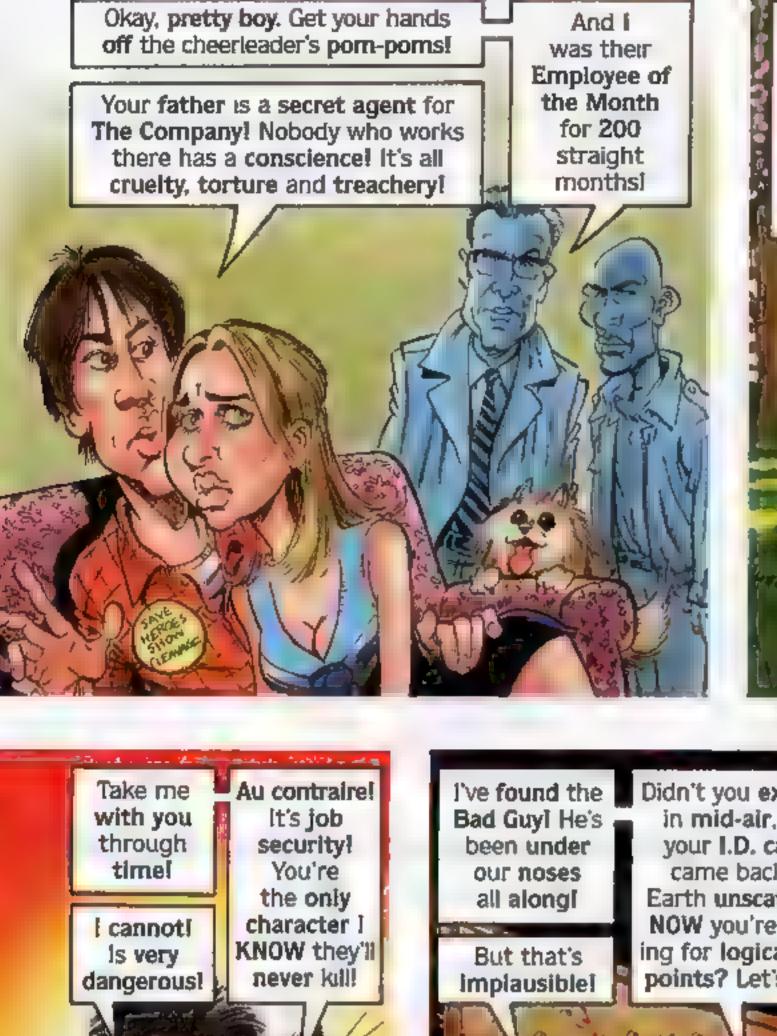
Why do you think I'm a weirdo who doesn't fit in?

Because I'm not one of the school sheep?

Because I keep to myself?

Because you're sharpening your thumb! What a woman!
She could be the greatest wood shop instructor ever!





Oops, sorry. When I screw around with time-space continuum, sometime not everything blinks all the way through. I just wanted adventure. I just wanted to be like one of my favorite comic book heroes. But I didn't know it would be Donald Duck! Let me concentrate and zap my pants back on!

it could never
work out between
us, Neato, I'm a cat
person, you're a dog
person, I'm the stayat-home type, you
like to travel.

Worst of all, I like younger women, and you died in 1693!







Didn't you explode Proceed cautiously. All we in mid-air, but know is that the your I.D. cards Bad Guy is a came back to Earth unscathed? quiet individual with personal NOW you're lookconnections to ing for logical plot several of us! points? Let's roll!

Personal connections? No s#lt, Sherlock. In case you haven't noticed, our little group has more suspicious links than an expired box of Jimmy Dean sausages! I just found out that the UPS guy is secretly my uncle, that my dry cleaner had his DNA spliced with my wife, and that the entire Boy Scout Troop 34 are clones of the guy I play World of Warcraft with!

Damn! Me too!





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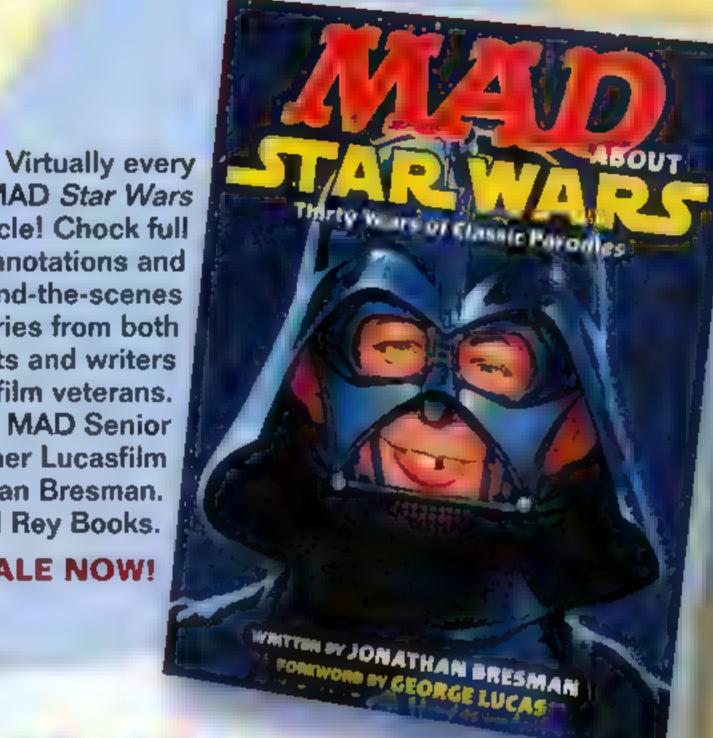
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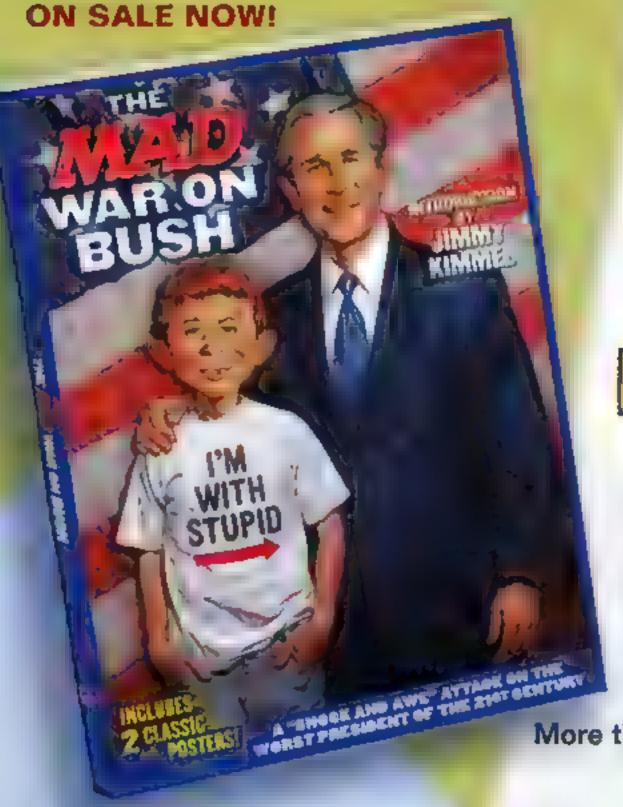
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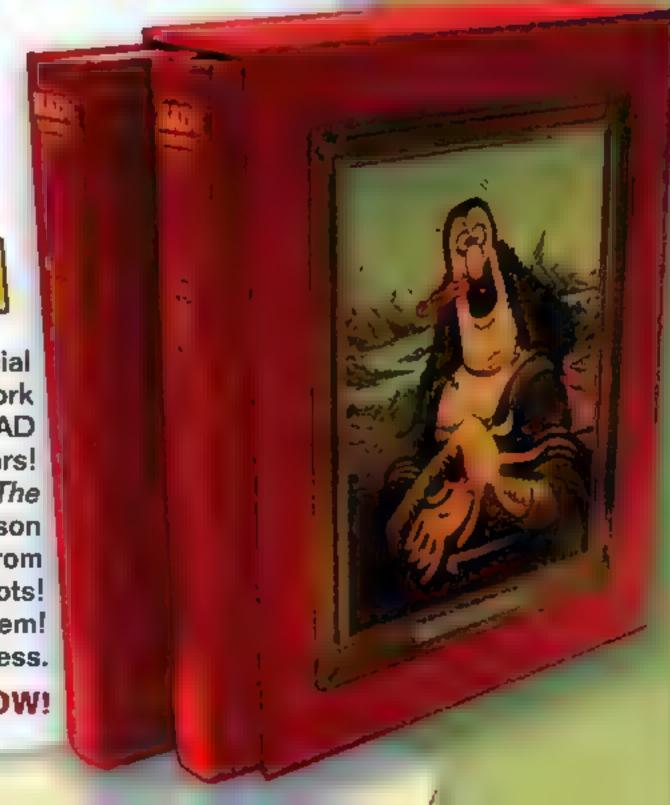


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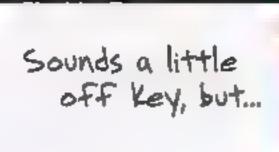












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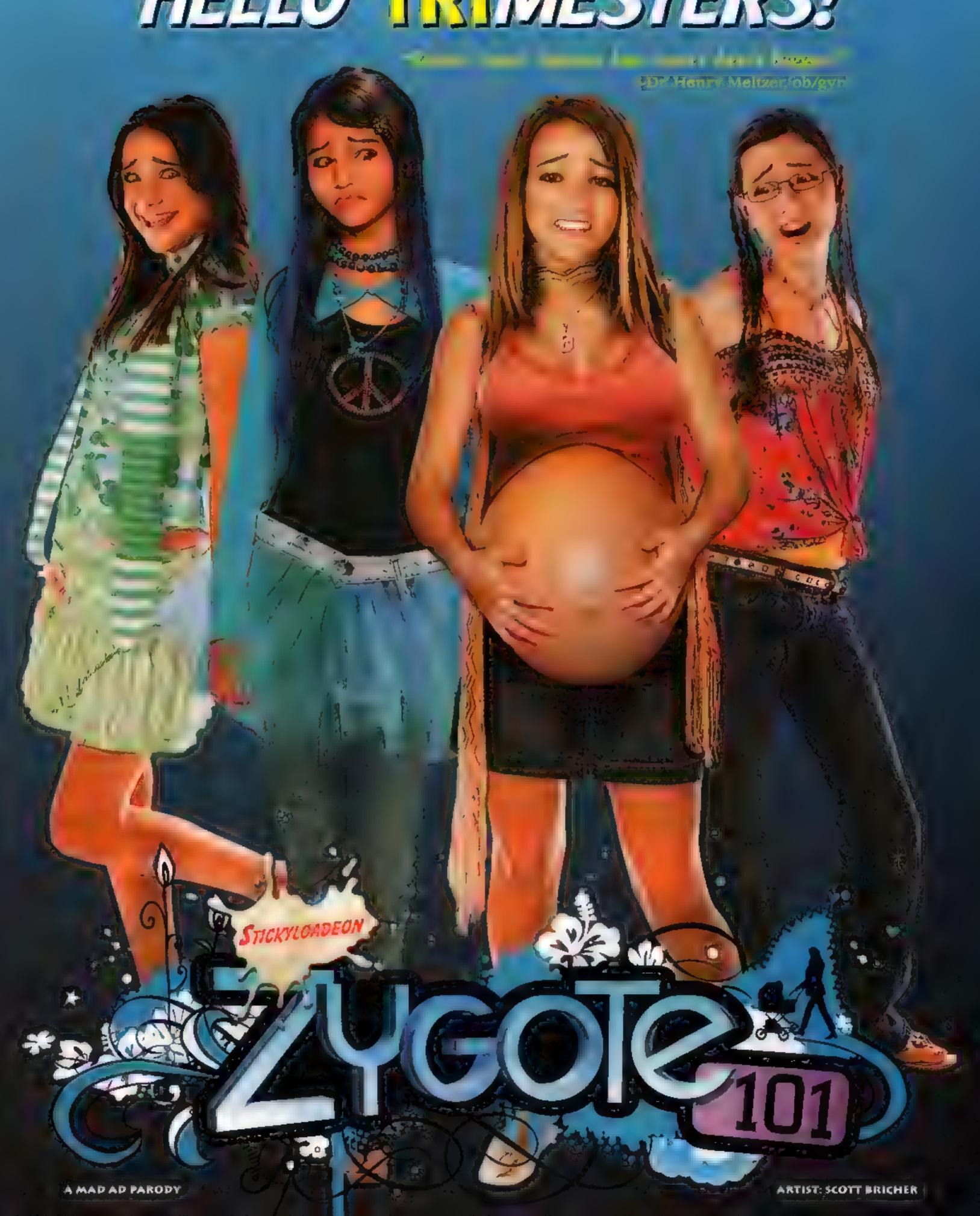








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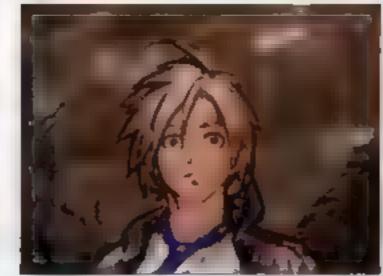
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technology has made everyone's lives easier except Hollywood screen writers! Tension-filled scenes that used to have moviegoers on the edge of their seats have been rendered meaningless by the introduction of any number of digital devices. Don't believe us? Just sit on the edge of your seat and see what it would be like

If Classic Old Movie Scenes Were Filmed To

The Unconscious Pilots Scene Then

Control this is Linda listen speaking! to me carefully The pilots a You're going unconscious They were to have to land overcome the plane by food poisoning

people aboard? can't!!

by step! at stake!

lead you through it You're ou only hope

Control tower, Linda! The pilots are unconscious! Were they overcome by food

Are you kidding? This airline stopped serving food months ago in order to cut costs! They must have passed out from hunger!

Linda, a jet listen to m with all carefullyl You're people going to aboard? have I can't do it! to land the plane can't!!

Sure you can, moron! See the big red button that says "Auto Land"? All the planes are controlled by computers



The Unconscious Pilots Scene TODAY



The Trapped in the Meat Locker Scene Then The Trapped in the Meat Locker Scene Top Av



The Disaster At Sea Scene Then

Send up the There's a 12-foot We're gonna gash below the drownl flares! Let's water line! This Davy Jones's pray other ships can see ship can't stand a Locker! hole that big! It's I don't our position in all this fog! going to go down! wanna die!



The Disaster At Sea Scene TODAY



The Medical Emergency Scene Then

Your father's

Daddy! Oh, Daddy! I told him not to pull the plow horse died!

The only thing that could save his life now is one of those new machines that can deliver potent doses of electrical energy

to the heart! find one, doctor? my father!!

Where can I have to save

The nearest one is In Chicago General, 600 long miles from herel With these old dusty country roads, it'd take a miracle to get there in time to save his life!

Daddy! Don't leave mel What'll I do? What'll I ever do??

The Medical Emergency Scene TODAY

Your father's had a serious heart attack, Mary.

> Daddyl Oh, Daddyl I told him not to smoke and eat all those fried foods loaded with trans fats after Ma died!

The only thing that could save his life now is one of those new machines that can deliver potent doses of electrical energy to the heart?

You mean a defibrillator? Why are you talking like that? I know what they arel Where can I find one, doctor? I have to save my father!!

I have one right in my bag they're so light and portable I carry one everywhere since got my ass sued for maipractice last year!

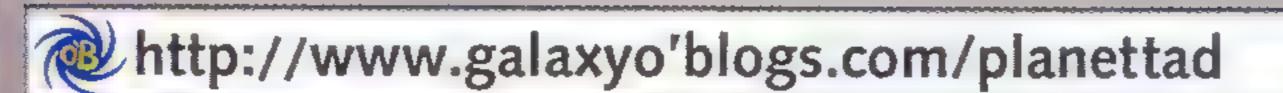
> You hear that, Daddy? You're gonna be fine, just finel Now if you'll excuse me, I'm going to the mail!











Planet TAD!!!!!





[About Me]

[Name | Tad].

[Age Older than Hannah, younger than Montana]

[Least Favorite Color: | Gangrene]

[3 February | **01:27pm**]

mood (confused)



Last night, my little sister Sophie was watching Lady and the Tramp, and I watched a little of it with her. It got to the scene where the Tramp takes Lady to the restaurant, and the owner brings them the plate of spaghetti and meatballs, and sings a song on the accordion for them, and I started to wonder: What's the chef's story? How do you wind up running a restaurant that serves pasta to dogs? Is that his whole business? Or does he only do it as a sideline? Do the dogs pay him somehow? How does he stay in business? Is he mentally ill? And what about the other kitchen workers? Are they just humoring him? The dog stuff is

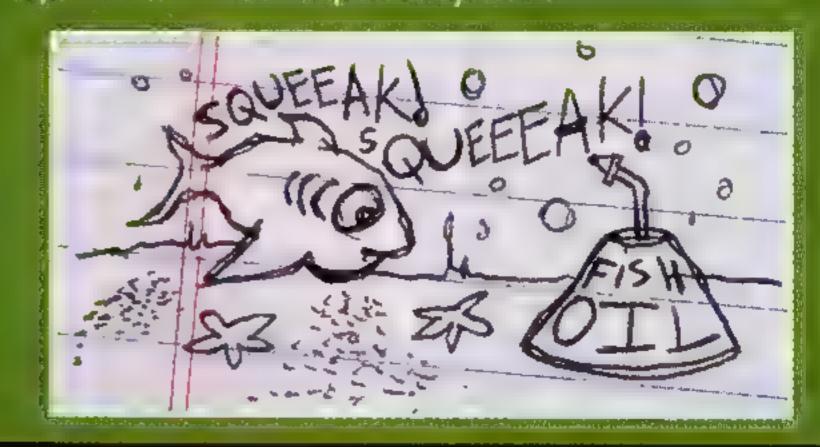
like there's a far more interesting movie going on behind them.



nice — what with the nose-pushing of the meatball and everything — but it seems to me

[3 February | 08:44pm]

My dad's taking fish oil to lower his cholesterol. Whenever I see the bottle, it cracks me up, because I like to imagine it's supposed to be squirted into squeaky fish.



[4 February | 04:30pm]



[mood] nervous]

Today in health class, Mrs. Lewis told us that we needed to learn about what it would be like to be a parent. So she paired us off and gave every pair an egg to take care of, like it's a baby and we're its parents. Until Friday, one of us has to keep it with us at all times, and if it breaks, we get an "F" for the project. I got paired with Laurie Watson, who's the yearbook editor and co-captain of the team. It could've been worse — Chuck got paired up with Sam Turner, the defensive tackle for our football team. When they asked why, Mrs. Lewis said, "Families come in all different kinds. Plus, we have more boys than girls in this class."

After we got our egg, Laurie asked me what we should name the baby. She said she was thinking of maybe naming it Katherine, "but we'll call her Kate or Katie for short." I just stared at her and said, "Laurie, it's an egg." And she said, "Oh, okay. Fine. Be like that. But I'm calling it Katherine." And then she ignored me for the rest of class. I feel like our egg baby is going to have a lot of trouble at home.



Meanwhile, Chuck was fighting with Sam over their egg. Chuck wanted to name it Chuck, Jr., while Sam wanted to name it Sam, Jr. If they'd asked me, I would've suggested compromising and calling their baby Suck.

It's probably a good thing they didn't ask me

[5 February | **03:57pm**]



[mood| annoyed]

Man. Only a day in to parenting this egg, and already, Laurie and I have had our first big fight. I took the egg home last night, because Laurie had field hockey practice, and I realized pretty quickly that it was going to be hard to keep the egg from breaking. So I had what I thought was a pretty good idea: I boiled it. I was kind of proud of myself, but when I gave it back to Laurie before homeroom, she said, "Something doesn't feel right about Katie." So I told her what I'd done, and she said, "You boiled our baby?!" so loud that everyone in the hallway turned and stared. I pointed out that at least I didn't poach or scramble our baby, but that didn't seem to make things any better.

Later, Laurie came up to me at lunch and said that she was thinking of asking Mrs. Lewis to let her have sole custody of the egg, with me only allowed supervised visits, but then she realized that that really wouldn't be much of a punishment for me, and besides, she needed me to look after the egg during her violin lessons.

[5 February | 09:06pm]

Is Jabba a common name throughout the Star Wars universe? And does each planet have only one of them? Because it seems odd to me that you'd need to be Jabba the It makes me wonder if he had one too many phone calls that went like:

"Hey, it's me, Jabba."

"Jabba the Ewok?"

"No, the other one."

"Jabba the Gungan?"

"No."

"Jabba the Bothan?"

"No. C'mon, man. It's me, Jabba!

Jabba the Hutt!"

"Oh! Jabba the HUTT! Why didn't you say?"

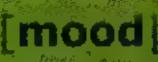


[6 February | **05:46pm**]



During health class today, Mrs. Lewis announced that, so far, four out of the 12 couples in our class have broken their egg babies. Then she said that any couple who kept their egg intact would get a bonus A for the semester, and Sam got so excited, he accidentally high-fived Chuck with his egg-holding hand and Sam, Ir went everywhere Chuck didn't seem too upset about it, though. He said that he and Sam had been fighting a lot about how to take care of the egg, and he was kind of glad to have that over with.

[8 February | 03:41pm]



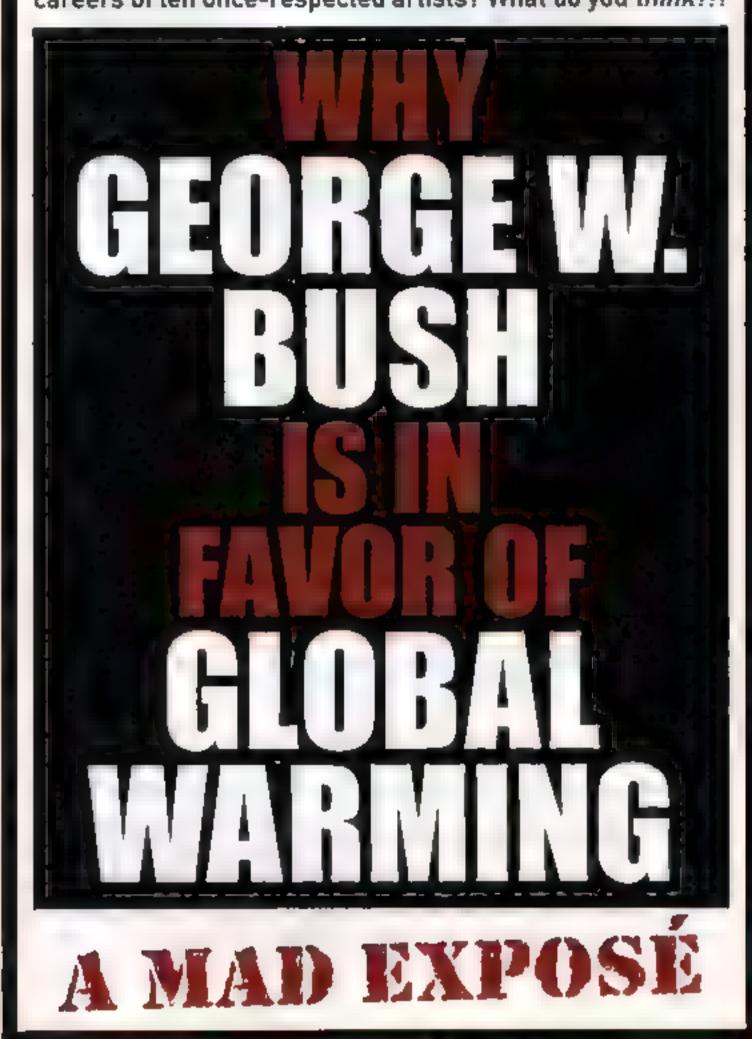


Well, today was the final day for the egg-baby experiment, and I'm really glad, because I was sick of taking care of my stupid egg. In class, when it came time for us to give our eggs back to Mrs. Lewis, Laurie and I were one of only three couples who'd kept their eggs intact all week long, and she said she was very proud of us. Then she leaned on her desk a little, and our egg rolled off and fell on the floor. That's when Mrs. Lewis realized ours had been boiled. I thought we were totally busted, but Laurie turned to me and said, "You see? I told you the bath was a little too warm last night." Then she told Mrs. Lewis all about how we'd given our egg baths every single night, and read it stories before tucking it in, and Mrs. Lewis was so impressed, she gave both of us A-pluses.

Laurie's some sort of evil genius.

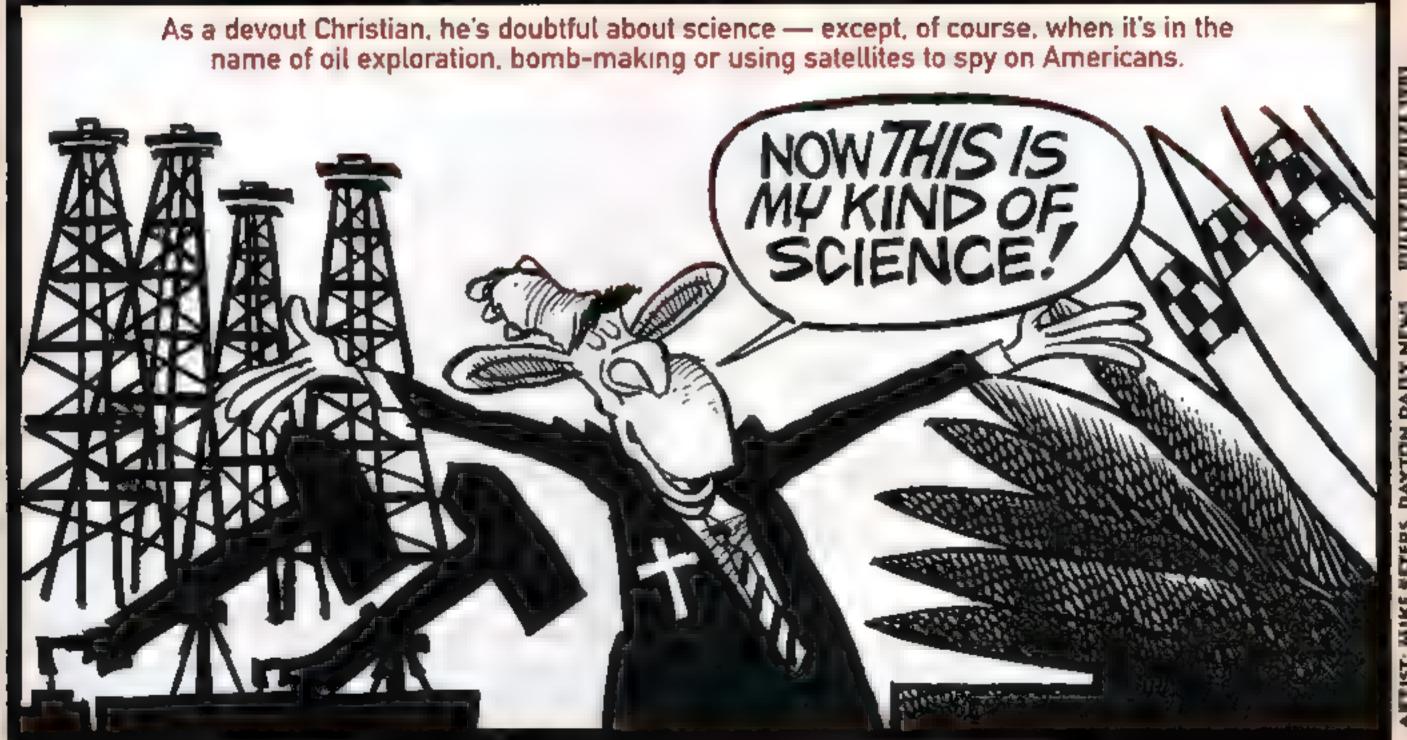


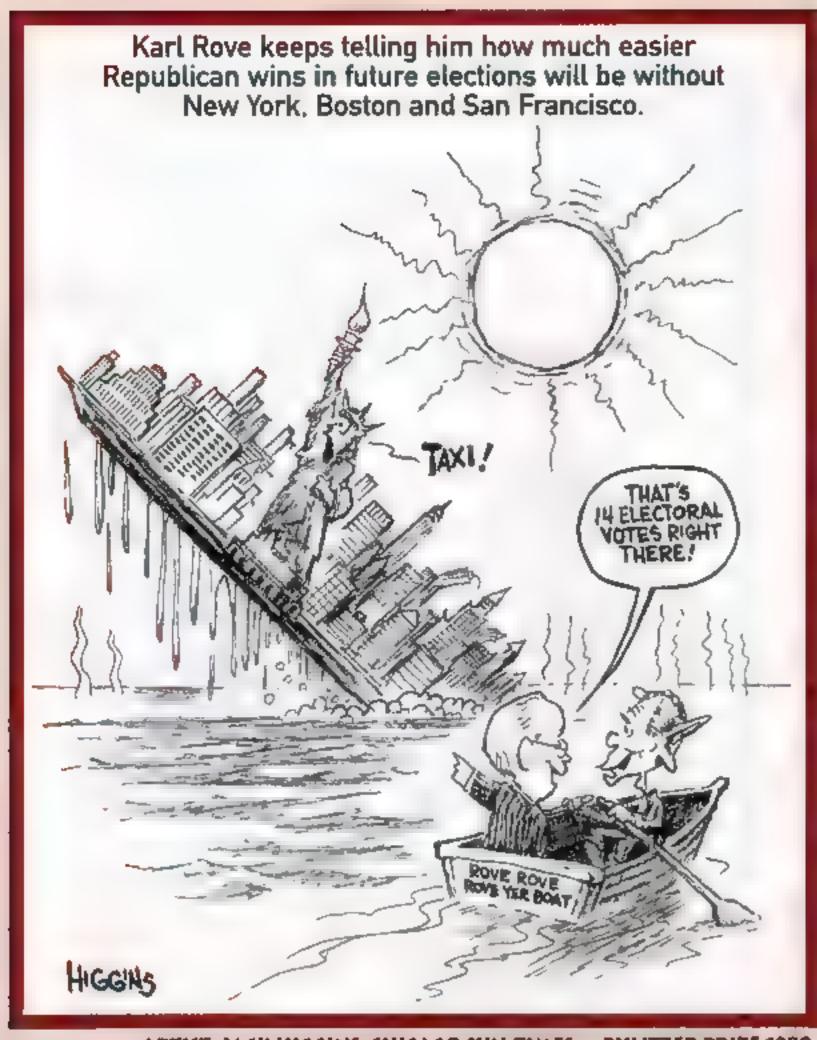
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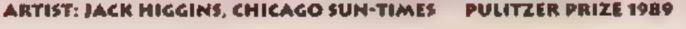


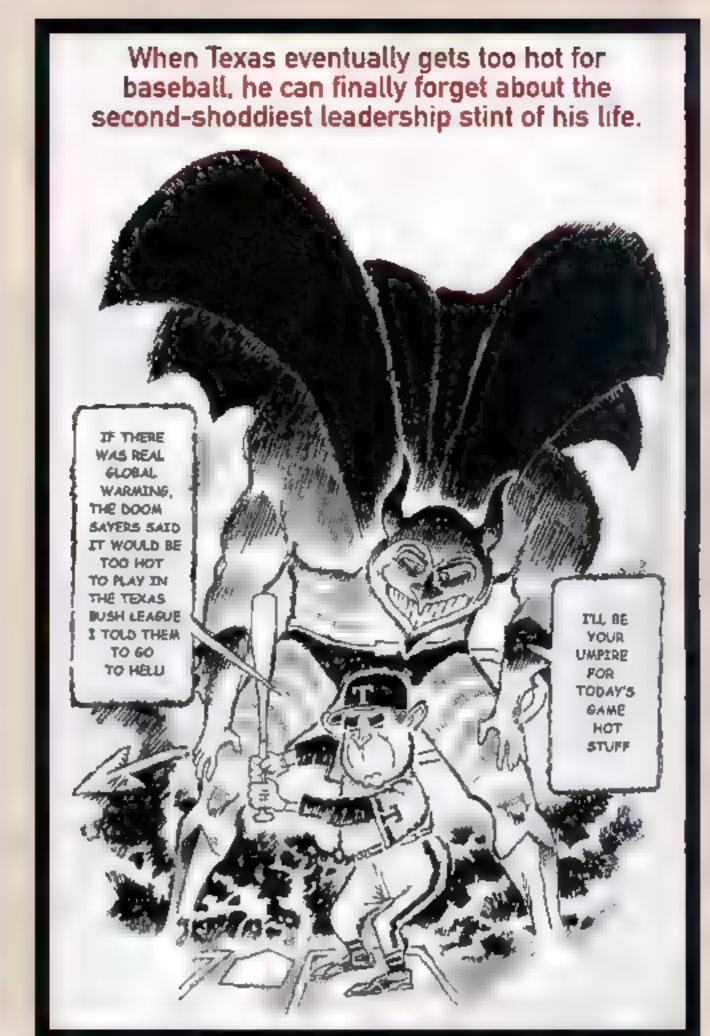
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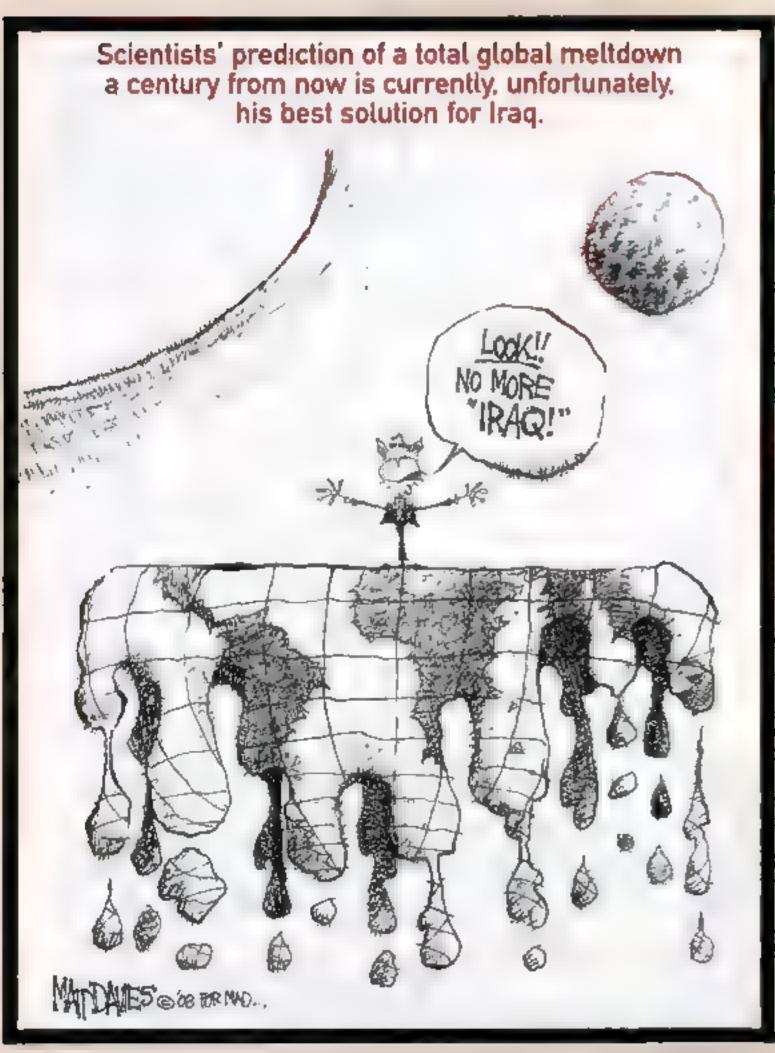












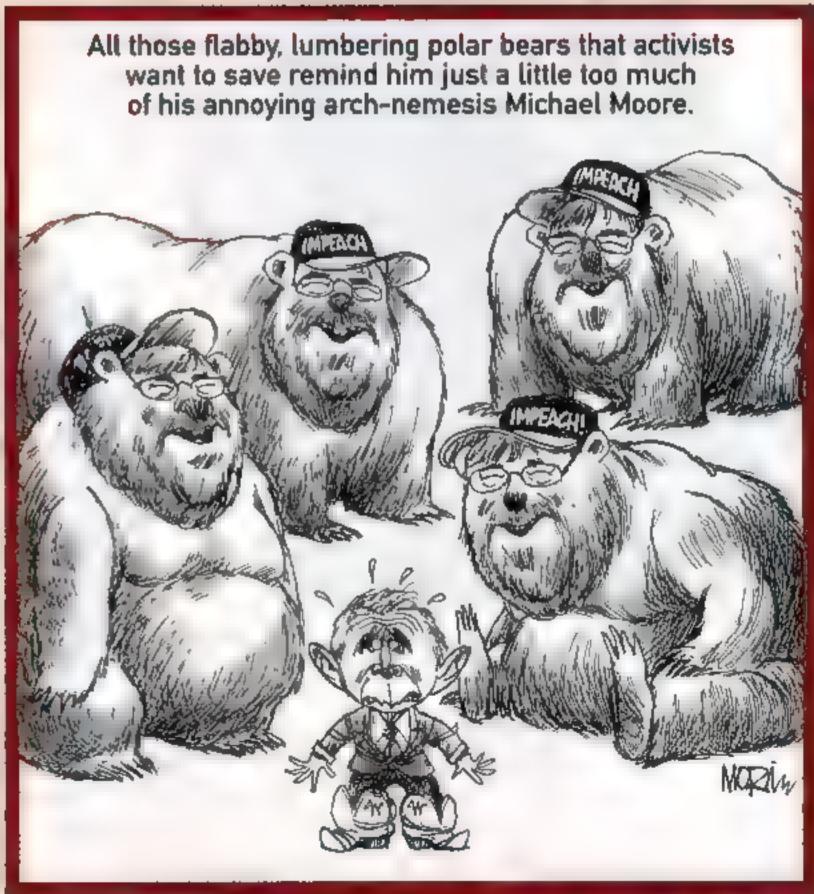




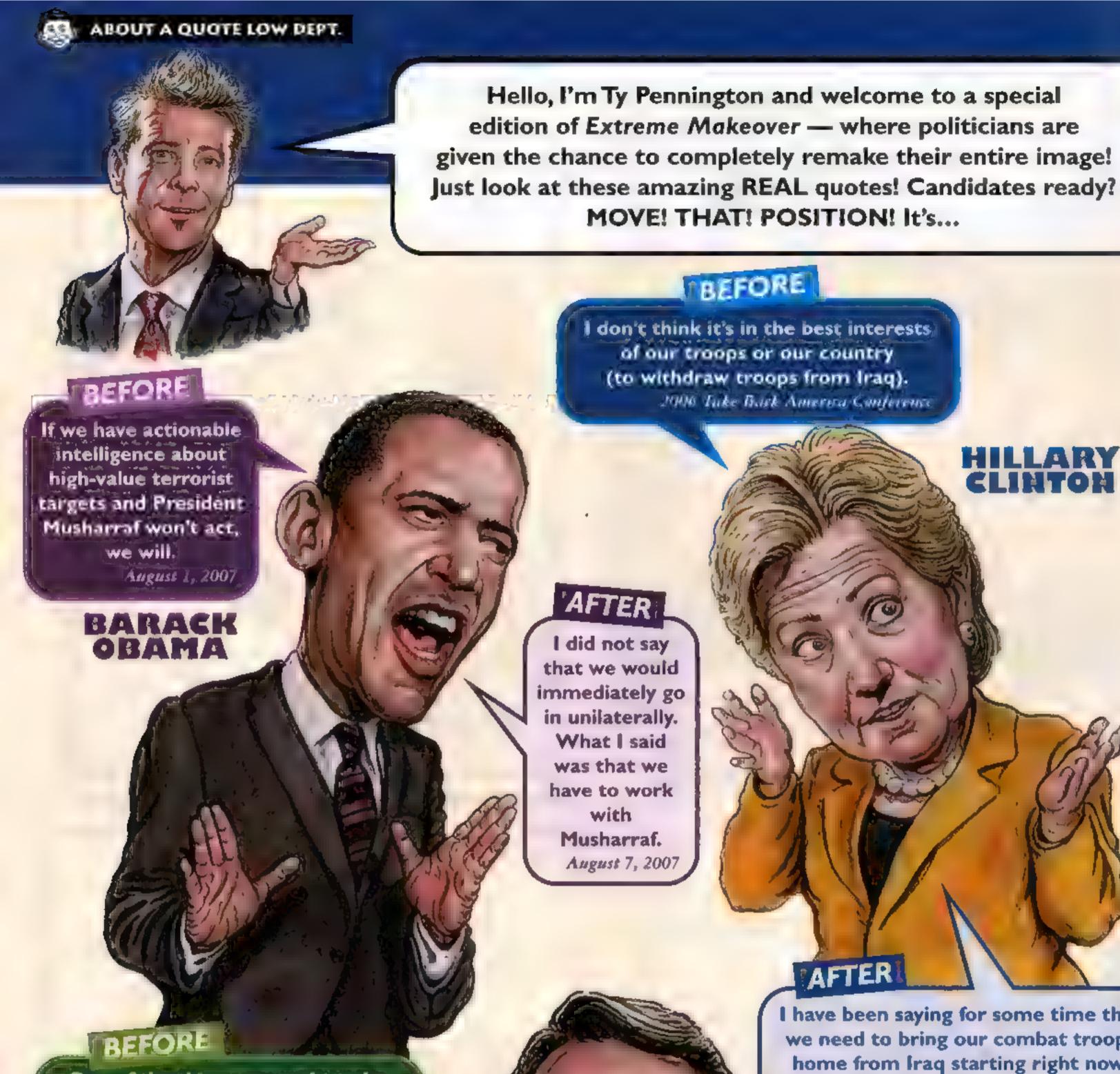


Those 130° Texas summers they're predicting should be just the thing to keep those annoying protestors off his back. THEY DON'T COME AROUND MUCH ANY-MORE, DO THEY?

PULITZER PRIZE 1998



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One of the things we ought to be thinking about is some level of mandatory service to our country, so that everybody in America not just the poor kids who get sent to war - are serving this country.

May, 2007





AFTER

I call on all members of Congress -Republican, Democrat, and Independent — to speak with one voice, and say "no" to a draft.

August, 2007

EDECICE DITION

BEFORE

I believe that abortion should be safe and legal in this country.

1994 debate with Ted Kennedy

ROMNEY

BEFORE

To think that we're going to go lock up 12 million people or even round them up and drive them to the border and let them go might make a great political speech but it's not going to happen.

Washington Post, May 2006

AFTER.

You know, I do support the Republican platform, and I support that being part of the Republican platform and I'm pro-life. Good Morning America, 2007

BEFORE

Well, I'm shocked that the President of the United States would pardon him. After all, he never paid a price.

AFTER

[I] Propose to provide all illegal immigrants a 120-day window to register with the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services and leave the country.

From bis "Secure America Plan" December 2007

RUDOLPH GIULIANI

'AFTER:

After evaluating the facts, the President came to a reasonable decision, and I believe the decision was correct.

MIKE HUCKABEE

on Scooter Libby, 2007

ARTIST: DREW FRIEDMAN

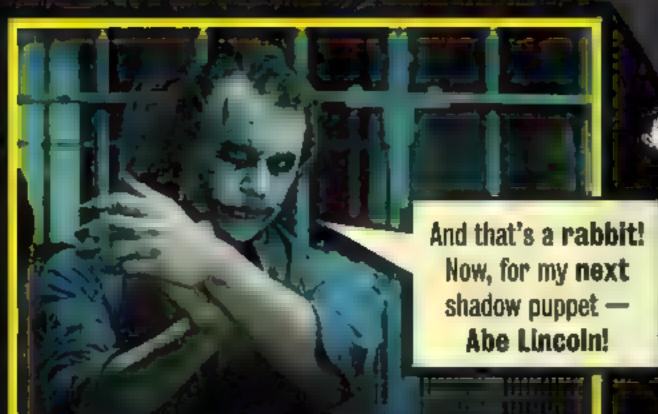


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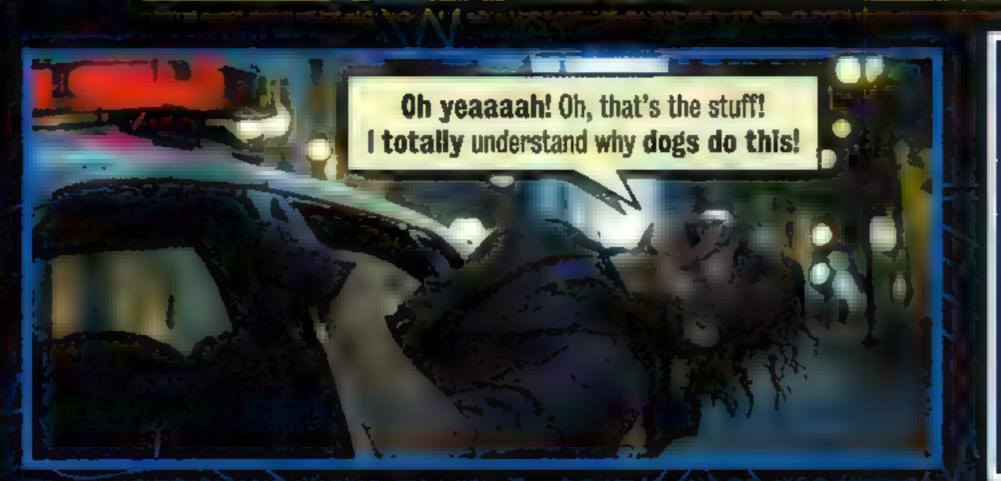






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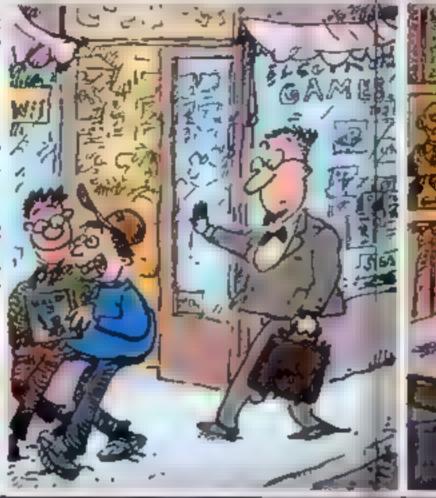
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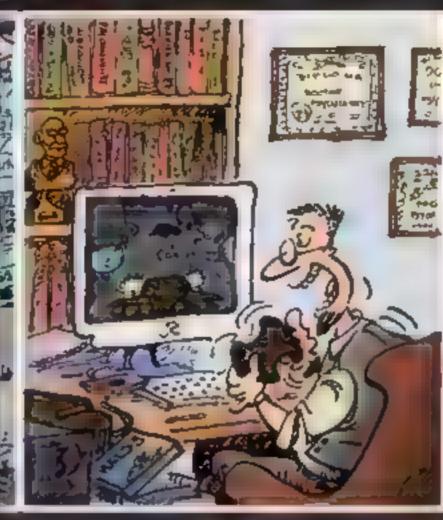




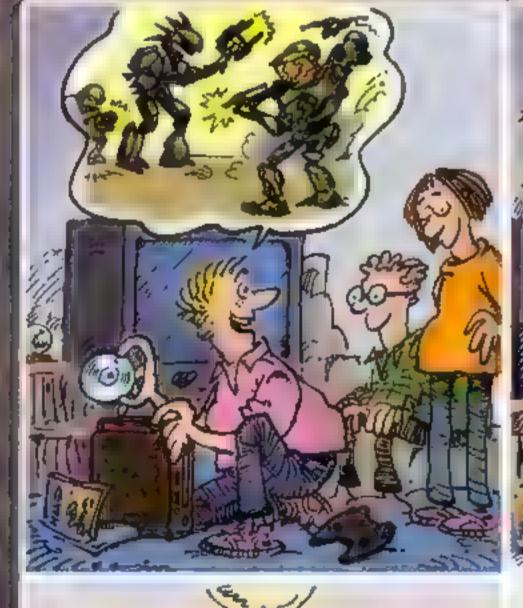




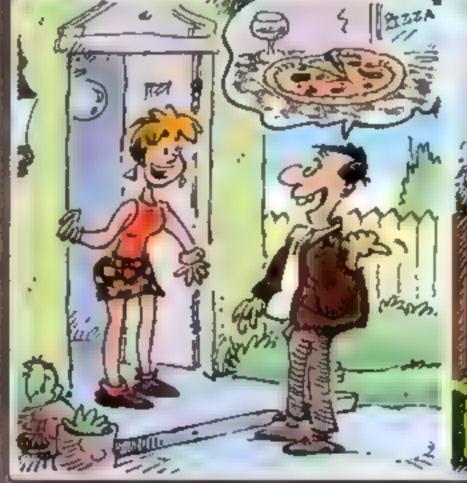












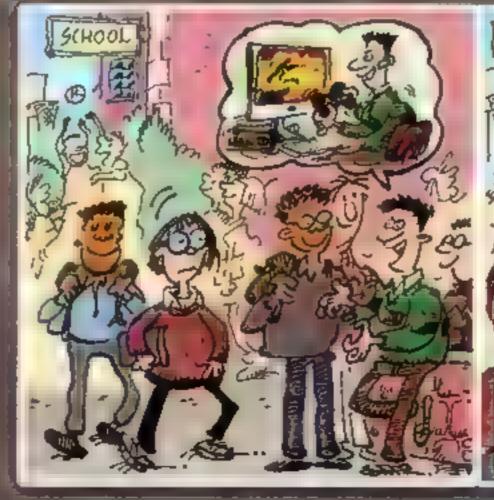








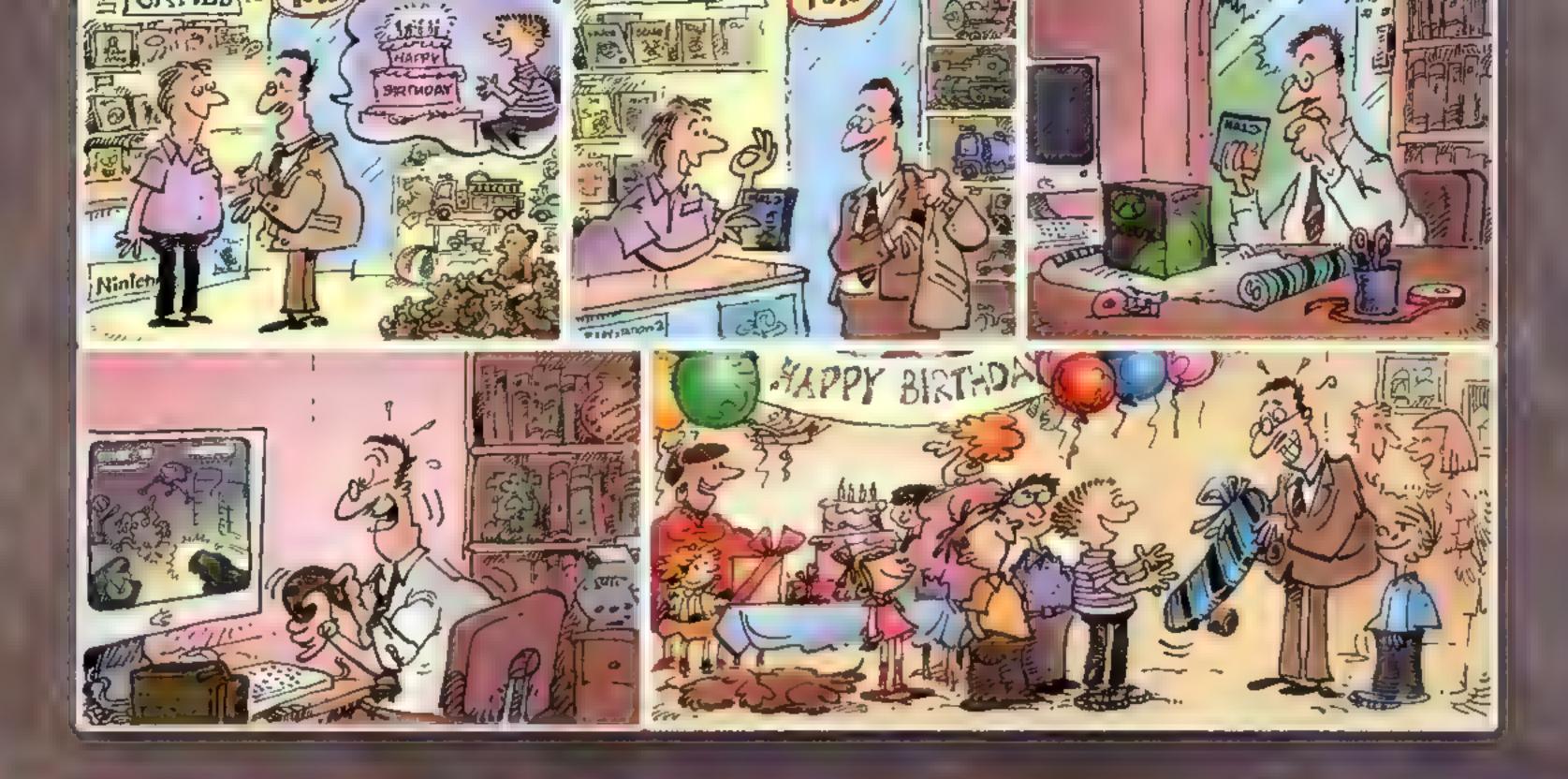
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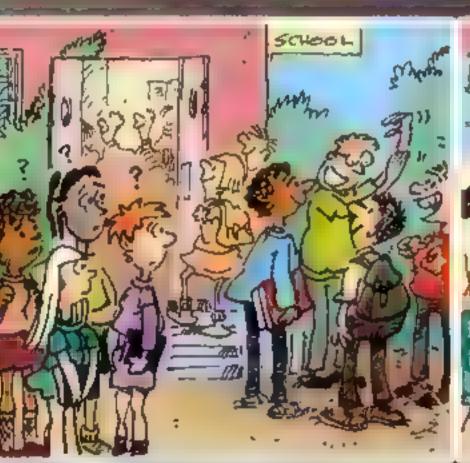


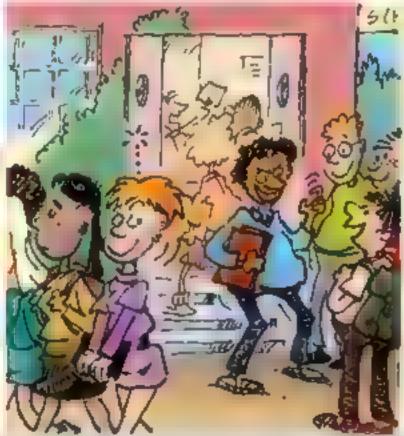


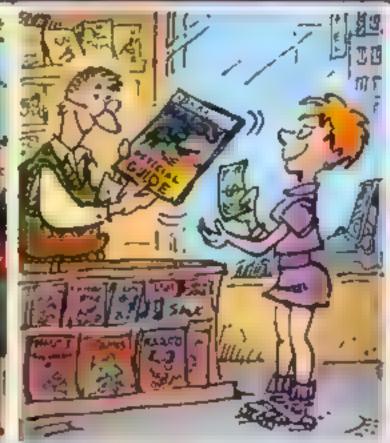


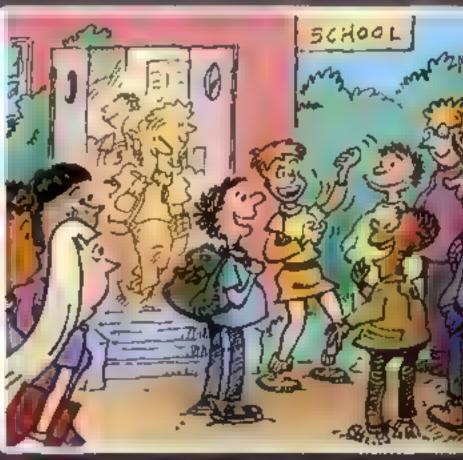












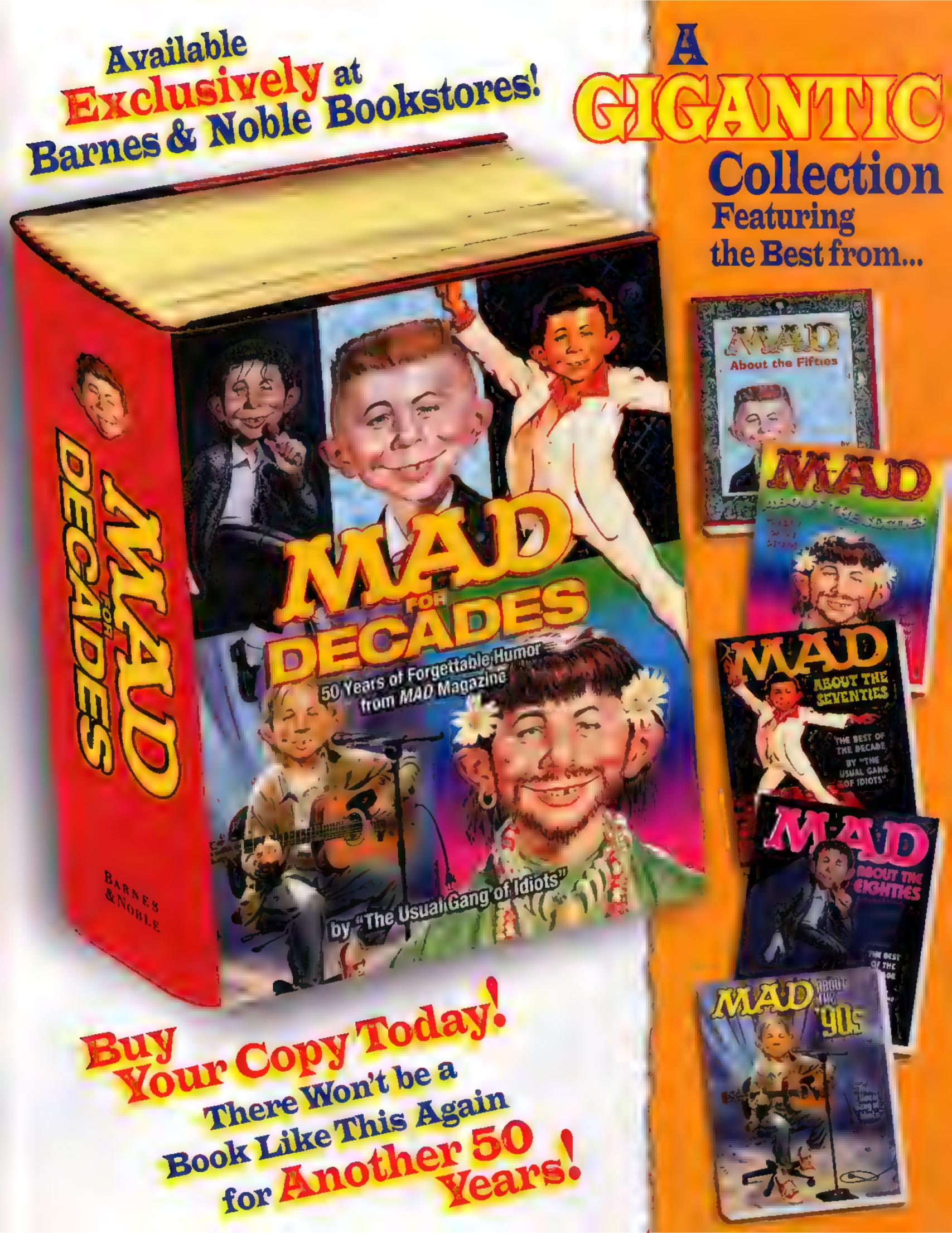








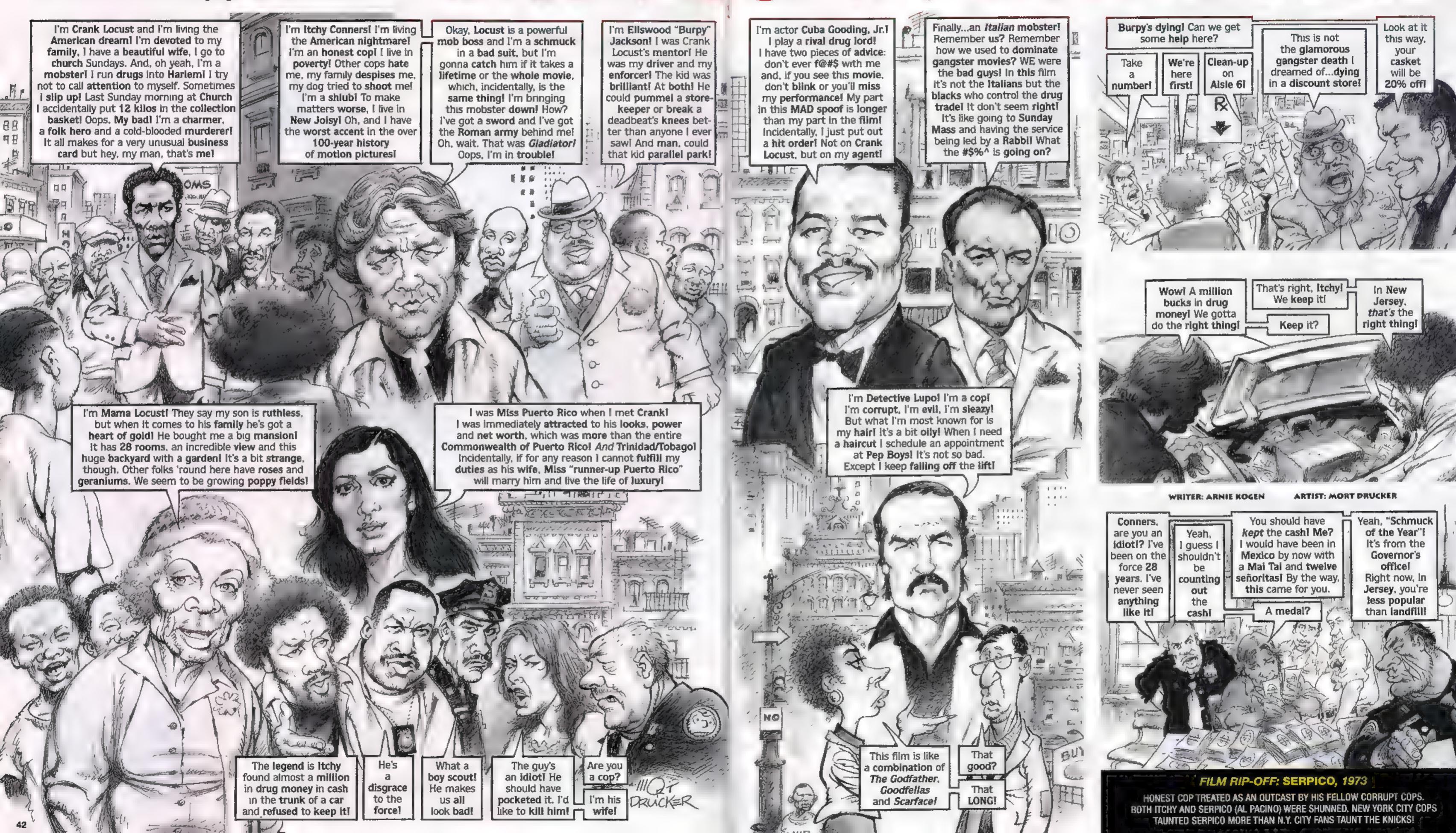




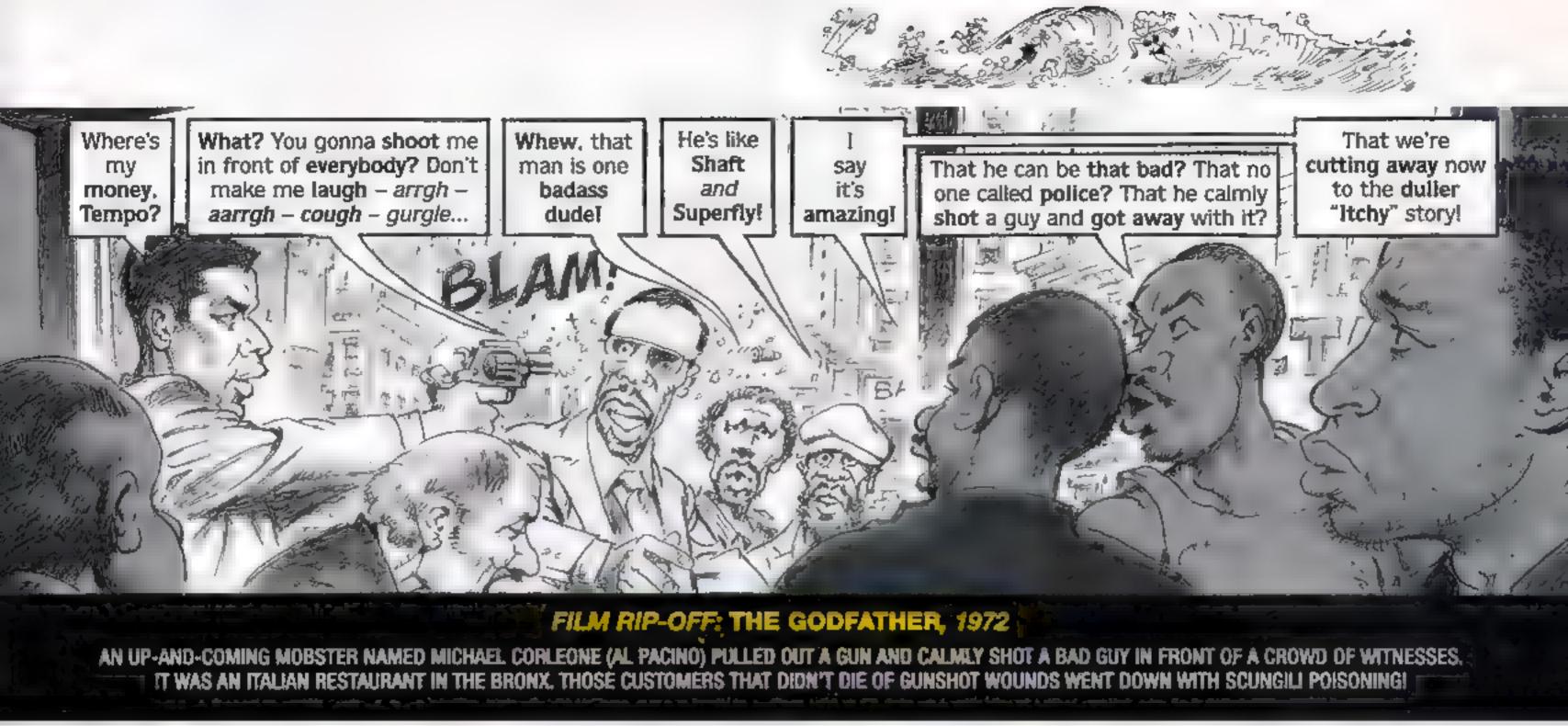


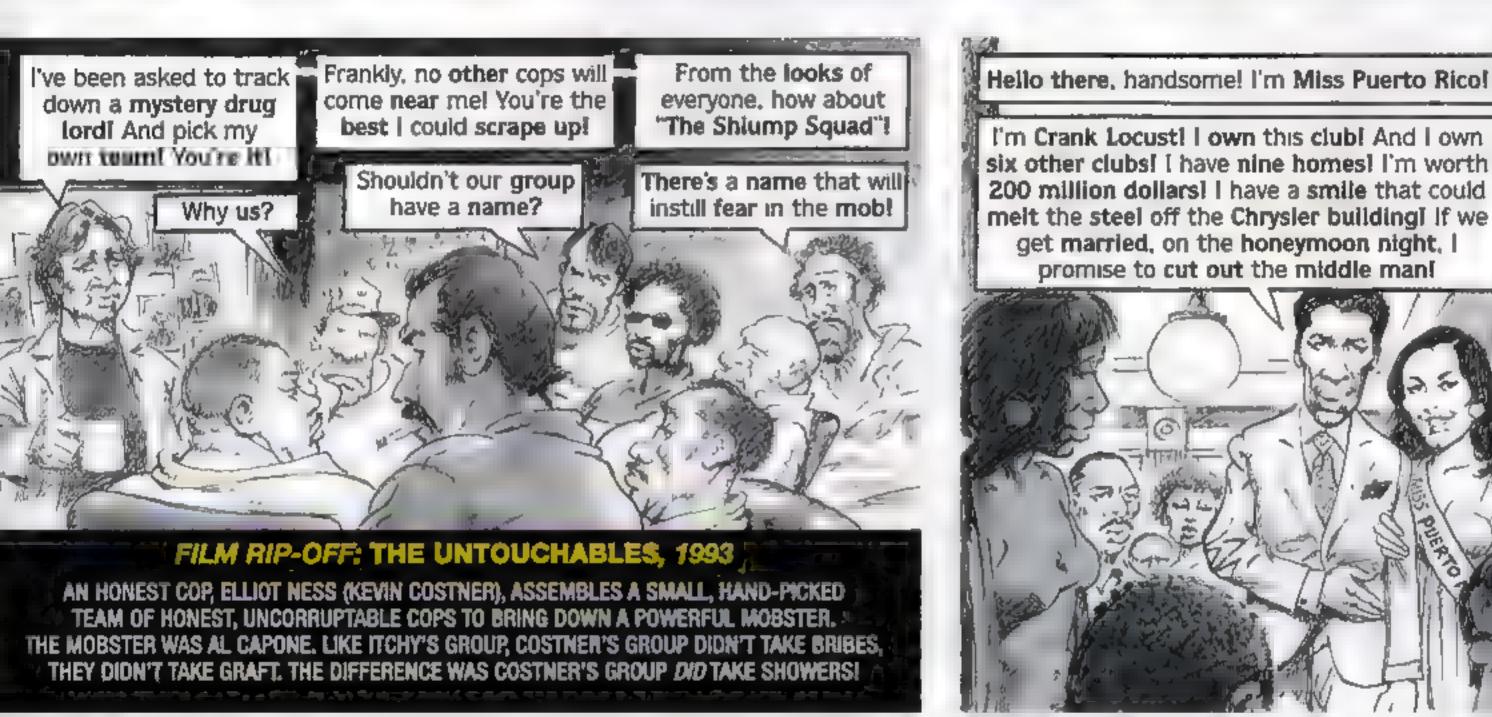
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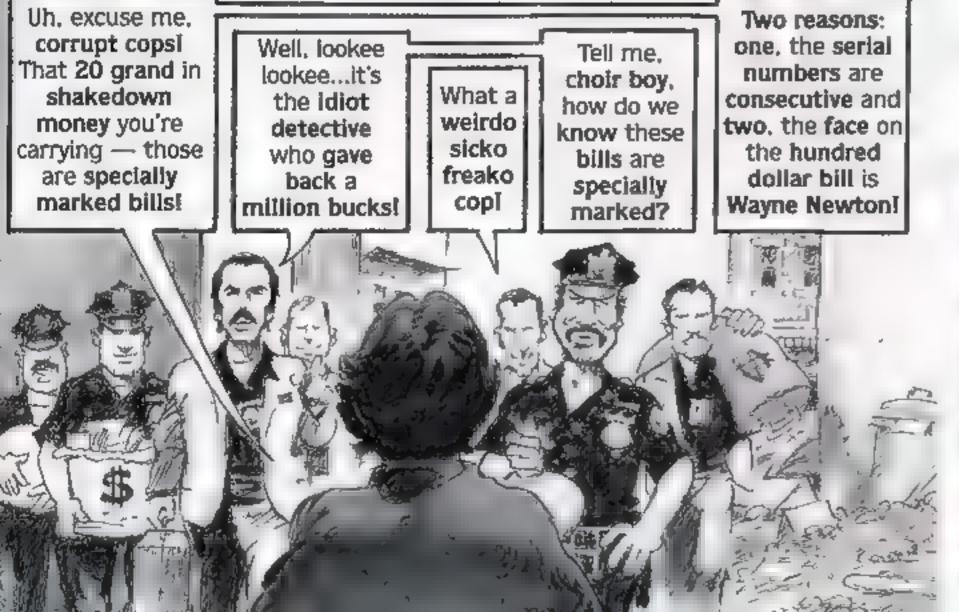


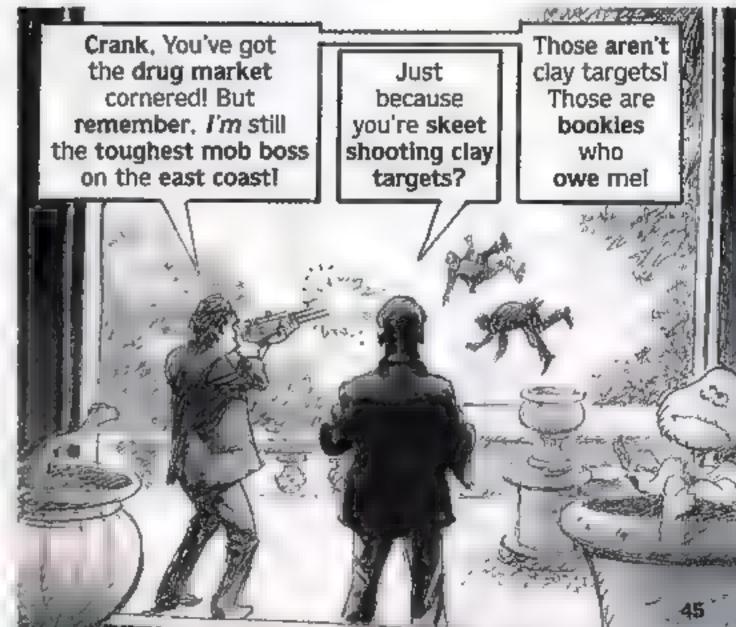


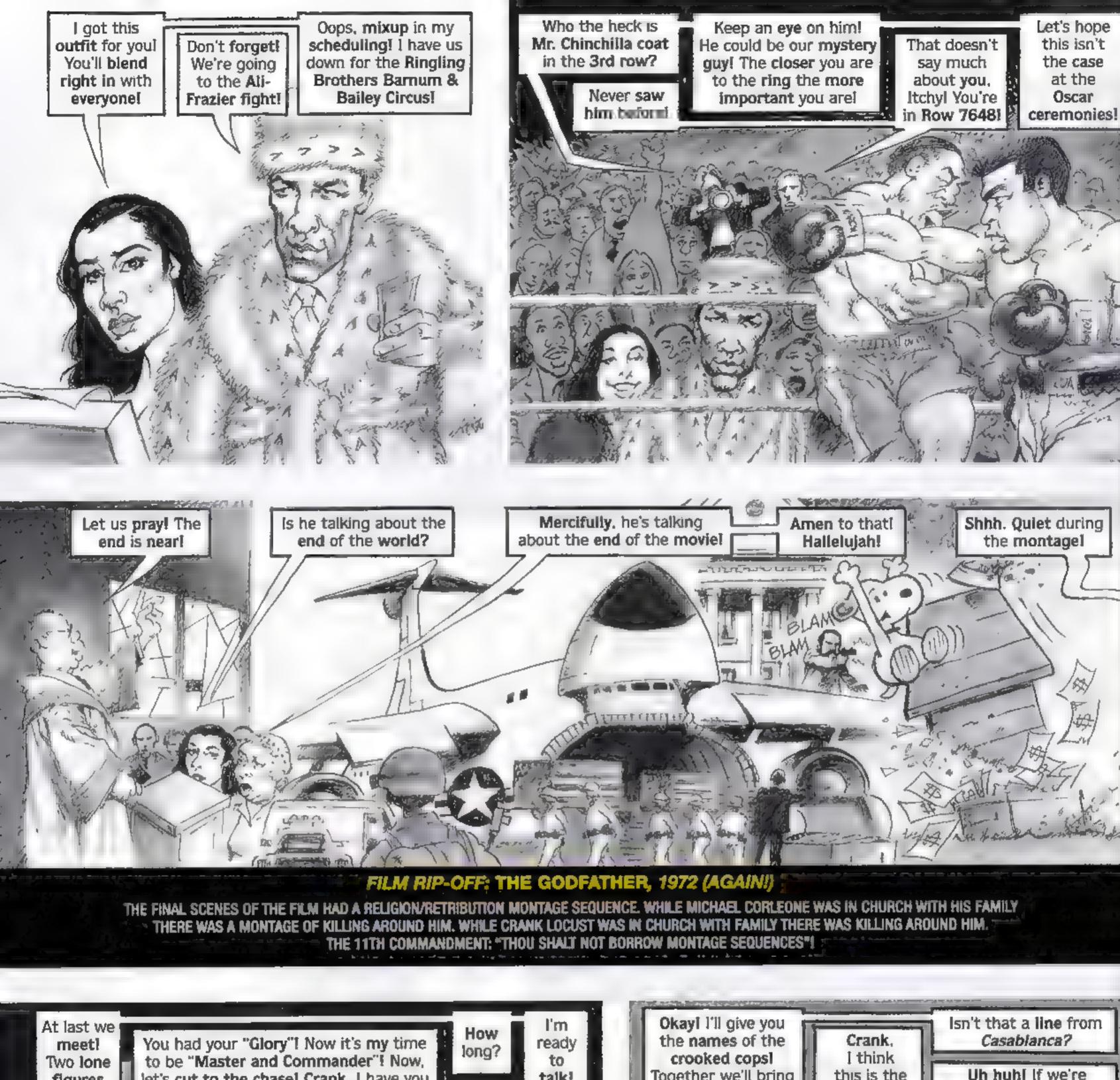


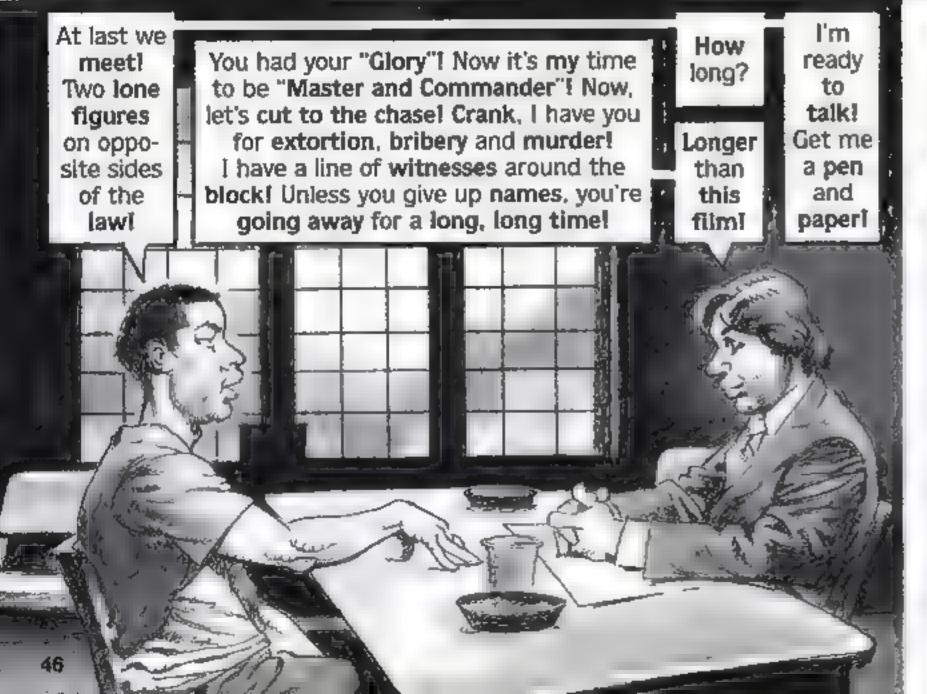
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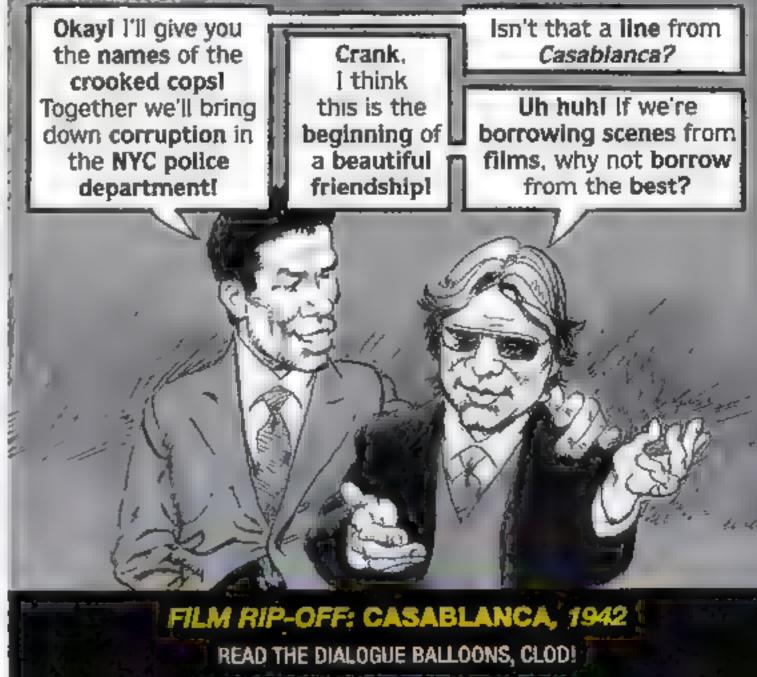














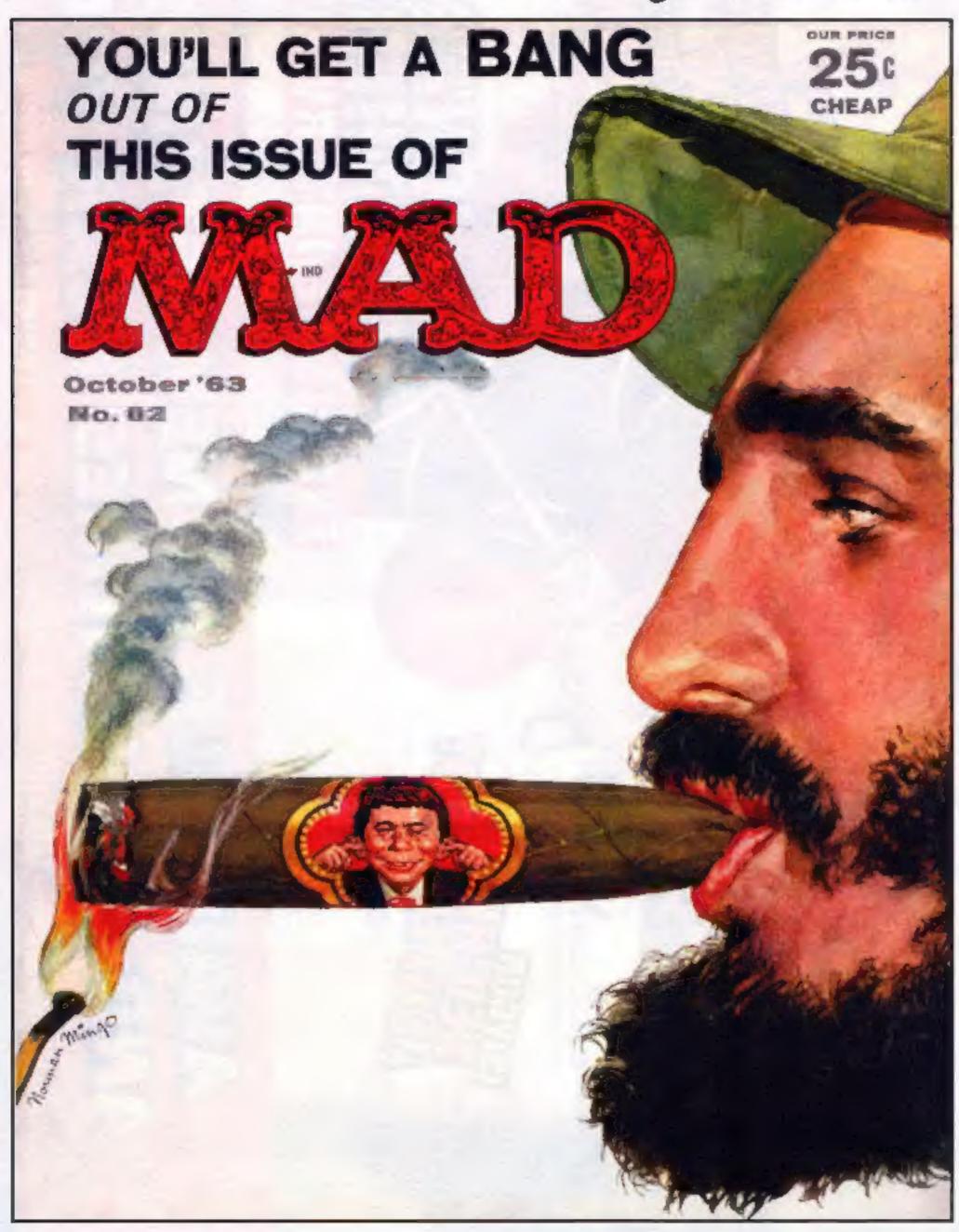
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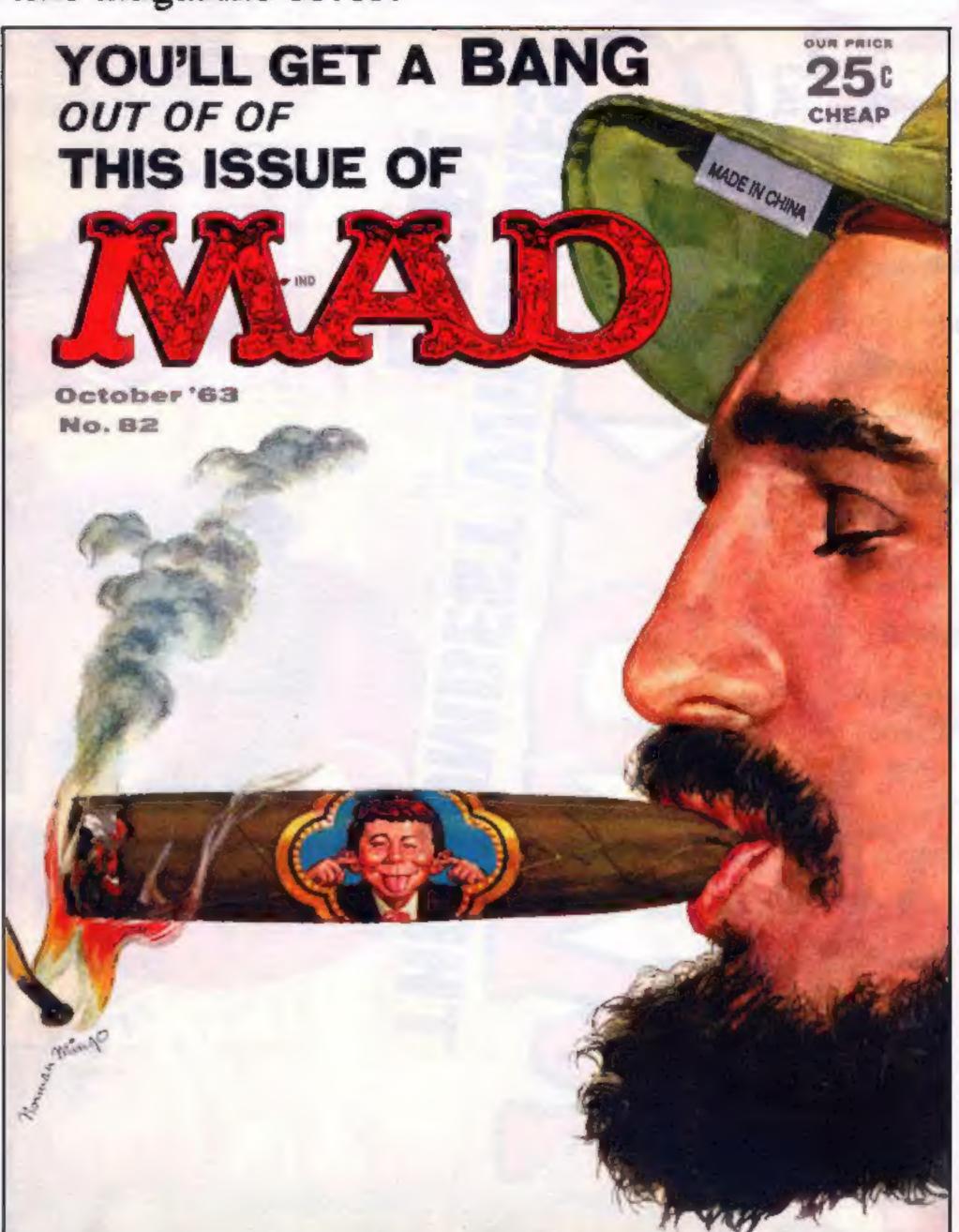
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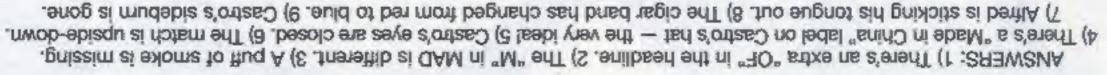
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Can you find the idiotic changes we've made to this magazine cover?









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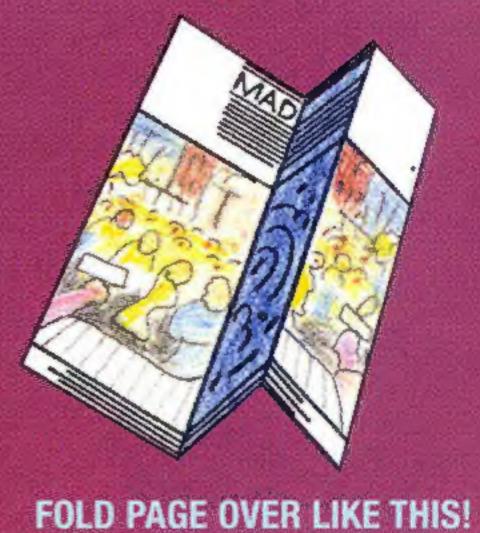


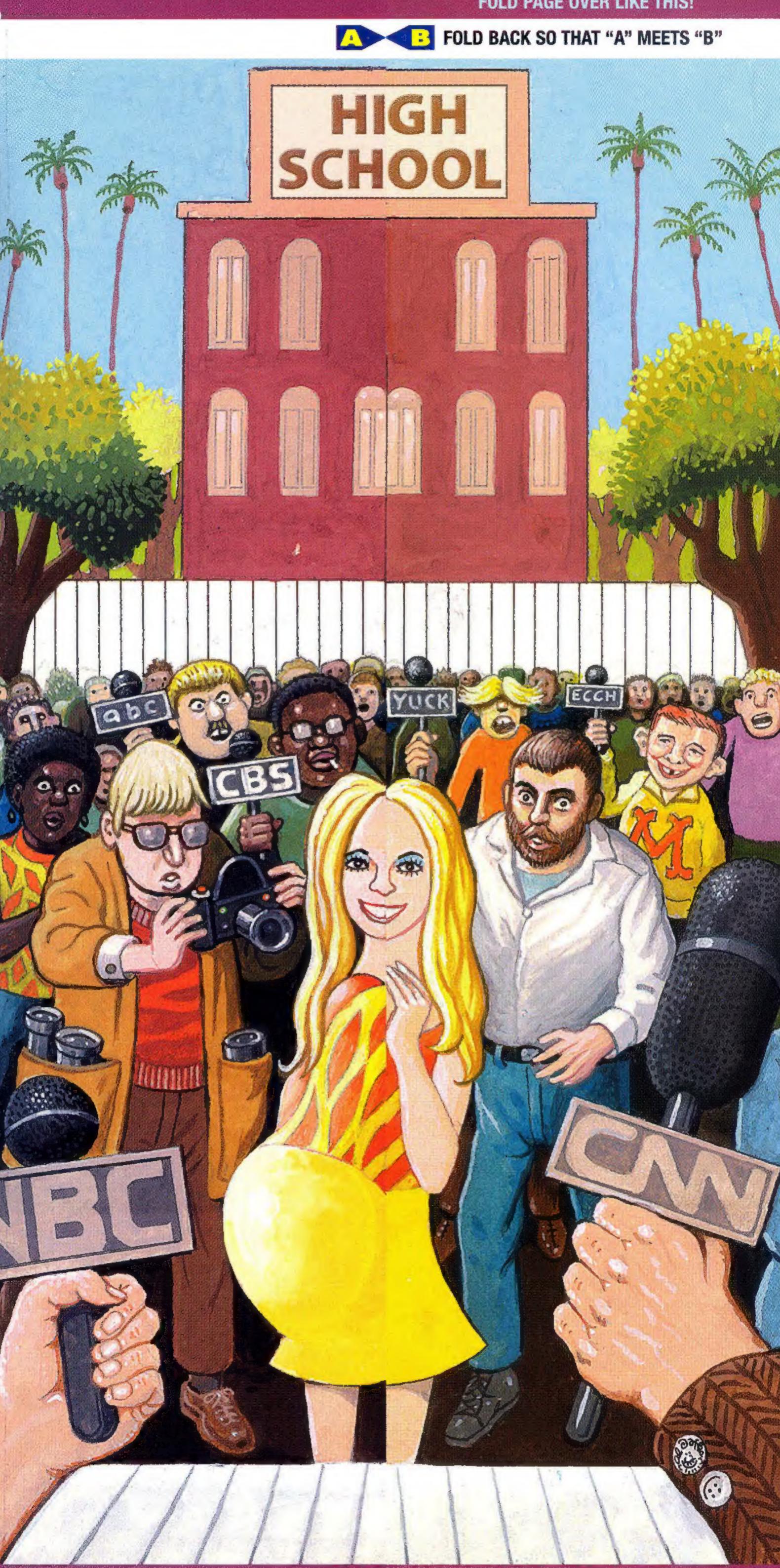
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